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### PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1989

#### REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION ON THE WORK OF ITS FORTY-NINTH SESSION

##### Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.15 and Corr.1

##### Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

##### A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. At its 32nd meeting, on 19 November 1997, the Sixth Committee considered draft resolution A/C.6/52/15 and Corr.1. All operative paragraphs of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.15 and Corr.1, with the exception of operative paragraphs 10 and 11, were adopted without a vote. Paragraphs 10 and 11 were adopted by a vote of 76 in favour, 1 against and 9 abstentions. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.6/52/L.20.

2. By operative paragraphs 10 and 11 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would:

(a) Take note of the comments of the International Law Commission on the question of a split session for 1998, as presented in paragraphs 225 to 227 of its report;<sup>1</sup>

(b) Take note also of the position of the International Law Commission contained in paragraph 228 of its report on the duration of its future sessions.



B. Relationship of the proposed requests to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 and to the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1998-1999

3. The above requests relate to subprogramme 4.3, Progressive development and codification of international law, of programme 4, Legal affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, and section 6, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999.

C. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

4. In paragraphs 226 and 227 of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session, the Commission considered the question of a split session for 1998 (eight weeks in Geneva and three weeks in New York), stating its preference to hold the second part of its session also in Geneva, but noting that, at the time of its consideration, the services for summary records would not be available in August at Geneva. The question of a split session would have thus necessitated an exception to the arrangements established by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, in which it is stated that the sessions of the International Law Commission shall be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva. In paragraph 228 of the same report, the Commission also considered that it should have an 11-week session in 1998 and a 12-week session in 1999, having due regard to its work programme for the quinquennium and the complexity of the topics under its consideration.

5. In view of developments in conference servicing, the Secretariat now indicates it would be able to provide summary records in August for the second part of the 1998 session at Geneva. Accordingly, the estimates that follow take into account the possibility that the General Assembly may wish to determine whether the International Law Commission session in 1998 will be held partly in Geneva and partly in New York or wholly in Geneva. Thus, two sets of costing figures are provided in paragraphs 7 and 8 below to assist in the choice between these options.

D. Estimated requirements for the period from 1 January 1998 to 31 December 1999

6. In its budget proposals for the biennium 1998-1999, the Secretariat requested provision for two 10-week sessions at Geneva, with an indication that, at its 1997 session, the Commission would consider whether it would have a split session (5 weeks in Geneva and 5 weeks in New York). It was considered that such a split session would affect the cost only marginally. The proposal for the two 10-week sessions at Geneva was estimated to require \$1,851,100 for travel of members and staff and for honoraria for the members.

7. In the light of the possibility that the Commission will hold an 11-week split session solely in Geneva in 1998 and a 12-week session in 1999, there would be an additional requirement of \$275,528 for the biennium 1998-1999, of which \$157,815 represents the increase in 1998 and \$117,713 the increase in

1999. Details of the cost estimates are contained in annex I to the present document.

8. However, should the question of a split session in 1998 be considered, where the first part of the session would be held at Geneva (8 weeks) and the second part in New York, there would be an additional requirement of \$245,200 for the biennium 1998-1999, of which \$127,500 represents the increase in 1998 and \$117,700 the increase in 1999. Consideration of holding a part of a session of the substantive sessions of the International Law Commission away from the United Nations Office at Geneva would also constitute an exception to the arrangements established by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/243. Details of the cost estimates under these circumstances are contained in annex II to the present document.

#### E. Potential for absorption

9. As indicated in paragraph 6 above, substantive servicing of the International Law Commission sessions has been included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 to the extent of two 10-week sessions, one in 1998 and the other in 1999. In connection with conference-servicing requirements, the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 includes provision, not only for meetings already in the calendar of conferences, but also for meetings to be added later by decisions of the General Assembly, provided that the number and distribution of meetings is consistent with the pattern in previous years. On this basis, it is not anticipated that additional resources would be required by conference services. However, total additional resources in the amount of \$275,600 would be required for substantive servicing in the biennium 1998-1999 should all the sessions of the Commission be held at Geneva, as indicated in paragraph 7 above. Alternatively, total additional resources in the amount of \$245,200 would be required in the biennium 1998-1999 under the conditions outlined in paragraph 8 above.

#### F. Action required by the General Assembly

10. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.15 and Corr.1 on the basis that all sessions of the Commission would be held at Geneva (see annex I), an additional requirement of \$275,500 would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.15 and Corr.1 on the basis that part of its sessions would be held away from the United Nations Office at Geneva (see annex II), an additional requirement of \$245,200 would arise. This second option would also require an exception to General Assembly resolution 40/243, in which it is stated that the sessions of the International Law Commission shall be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

#### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/52/10).

ANNEX I

Cost requirements

1998: 11 weeks at Geneva

1999: 12 weeks at Geneva

|                                                                                                                       | <u>Estimated costs</u>           |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                       | <u>1998</u><br><u>(11 weeks)</u> | <u>1999</u><br><u>(12 weeks)</u> |
| Conference-servicing costs provided for under section 27E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 |                                  |                                  |
| Meeting servicing and interpretation                                                                                  | 700 500                          | 772 300                          |
| Pre-session documentation                                                                                             | 344 400                          | 348 200                          |
| In-session documentation                                                                                              | 386 400                          | 390 700                          |
| Post-session documentation                                                                                            | 257 400                          | 260 200                          |
| Summary records                                                                                                       | 1 448 600                        | 1 464 500                        |
| Office of General Services requirements                                                                               | <u>24 800</u>                    | <u>27 300</u>                    |
| Total conference-servicing costs                                                                                      | <u>3 162 100</u>                 | <u>3 263 200</u>                 |
| Other requirements                                                                                                    |                                  |                                  |
| Travel and per diem of members                                                                                        | 820 700                          | 793 300                          |
| Honoraria for members                                                                                                 | 116 000                          | 116 000                          |
| Travel and per diem of secretariat staff                                                                              | 121 700                          | 109 000                          |
| Travel of the Chairman                                                                                                | <u>25 000</u>                    | <u>25 000</u>                    |
| Total other requirements                                                                                              | <u>1 083 400</u>                 | <u>1 043 300</u>                 |
| <u>Less:</u> Provision in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, section 6, Legal affairs          | <u>925 500</u>                   | <u>925 600</u>                   |
| Net resources required under section 6 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999                    | <u>157 900</u>                   | <u>117 700</u>                   |

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ANNEX II

Cost requirements

1998: 8 weeks at Geneva and 3 weeks in New York

1999: 12 weeks at Geneva

|                                                                                                                       | <u>Estimated costs</u>           |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                       | <u>1998</u><br><u>(11 weeks)</u> | <u>1999</u><br><u>(12 weeks)</u> |
| Conference-servicing costs provided for under section 27E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 |                                  |                                  |
| Meeting servicing and interpretation                                                                                  | 704 200                          | 772 300                          |
| Pre-session documentation                                                                                             | 362 100                          | 348 200                          |
| In-session documentation                                                                                              | 386 400                          | 390 700                          |
| Post-session documentation                                                                                            | 271 200                          | 260 200                          |
| Summary records                                                                                                       | 1 472 000                        | 1 464 500                        |
| Office of General Services requirements                                                                               | <u>83 400</u>                    | <u>27 300</u>                    |
| Total conference-servicing costs                                                                                      | <u>3 279 300</u>                 | <u>3 263 200</u>                 |
| Other requirements                                                                                                    |                                  |                                  |
| Travel and per diem of members                                                                                        | 817 100                          | 793 300                          |
| Honoraria for members                                                                                                 | 116 000                          | 116 000                          |
| Travel and per diem of secretariat staff                                                                              | 94 900                           | 109 000                          |
| Travel of the Chairman                                                                                                | <u>25 000</u>                    | <u>25 000</u>                    |
| Total other requirements                                                                                              | <u>1 053 000</u>                 | <u>1 043 300</u>                 |
| <u>Less:</u> Provision in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, section 6, Legal affairs          | <u>925 500</u>                   | <u>925 600</u>                   |
| Net resources required under section 6 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999                    | <u>127 500</u>                   | <u>117 700</u>                   |

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Paragraph 10, line 3

For an additional requirement of \$275,500 read an additional requirement of  
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### PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

#### Revised estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

#### Report of the Secretary-General

#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The present report is being submitted in the context of actions taken by the Security Council regarding good offices, peacemaking and preventive diplomacy missions, on the basis of requests from Governments and/or recommendations of the Secretary-General. In the past, resources related to such missions have been provided for under the commitment authority granted by the General Assembly to the Secretary-General in its resolutions on unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures relating to the maintenance of peace and security.
2. The mandates of a number of those missions have been extended over the years with such regular predictability, however, that they can no longer be considered unforeseen. They are the Office of the Representative of the Secretary-General in Cambodia (established in 1994); the United Nations Political Office for Somalia (established in 1995); the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General in Sierra Leone (established in 1995); and the United Nations Office in Burundi (established in 1993). The continuity of those activities as well as the repetition of their mandate renewals is such that they would appear to fall fully within the spirit of provisions in annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 relating to political activities of a "perennial" character whose mandates are renewed annually.
3. Moreover, experience has shown that the withdrawal of peacekeeping operations does not necessarily terminate the need for a United Nations presence in the area concerned. On the contrary, activities related to the democratization process, reconciliation and peace-building become even more



intense. In view of the above, proposals are made to incorporate funding for four special missions (including Liberia) for the year 1998 and one further one (Somalia) for a full two-year period. The timing is related to current expectations as to the need for continued operation of these special missions, which would be reviewed again by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session in the light of all relevant developments.

## II. UNITED NATIONS POLITICAL PRESENCE

4. In the paragraphs below are listed good offices and peacemaking missions of which the Security Council continues to be seized and where it is anticipated that the Council will call on the Secretary-General to provide the necessary support for the peace process during the biennium 1998-1999.

### A. Office of the Representative of the Secretary-General in Cambodia

5. At the end of the mandate of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), the Security Council, in its resolution 880 (1993) of 4 November 1993, welcomed the intention of the Secretary-General, in the light of the request by the Government of Cambodia and the continuing commitment of the United Nations to Cambodia to appoint for a period to be agreed upon by the Secretary-General and the Government of Cambodia a person to coordinate the United Nations presence in Cambodia, in accordance with the spirit and principles of the Paris agreements. In response to Security Council resolution 880 (1993), in March 1994 the Secretary-General appointed his Representative in Cambodia, for an initial period of six months and three military personnel as advisers to the Representative. As no provisions were made in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, resources were authorized by the Secretary-General under the commitment authority granted to him by the General Assembly in its resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures. The Office of the Representative in Cambodia started operations on 1 May 1994.

6. Subsequently, at the request of the Government of Cambodia, the mandate of the Representative of the Secretary-General in Cambodia was extended periodically, most recently by a letter dated 8 October 1997 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council (S/1997/787) and a letter dated 13 October from the President of the Council to the Secretary-General (S/1997/788).

### B. United Nations Political Office for Somalia

7. In its resolution 954 (1994) of 4 November 1994, in which it decided to extend the mandate of the United Nations Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM II) for a final period until 31 March 1995, the Security Council requested the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the situation in Somalia and to the extent possible to keep the Council informed in particular about developments affecting the humanitarian situation, the security situation for humanitarian personnel in Somalia, repatriation of refugees and impacts on neighbouring countries, and to

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report to the Council before 31 March 1995 on the situation in Somalia and to submit suggestions concerning the role the United Nations could play in Somalia beyond that date. The Secretary-General submitted a report on the situation in Somalia in pursuance of resolution 954 (1994) on 28 March 1995 (S/1995/231). In paragraph 68 of that report, the Secretary-General indicated his intention to maintain a small political office in Mogadishu consisting of a representative with a small support staff. In a statement dated 6 April 1995 by the President of the Security Council (S/PRST/1995/15), the members of the Council supported the view of the Secretary-General that Somalia should not be abandoned by the United Nations, which would continue to assist the Somali people to achieve a political settlement and to provide humanitarian and other support services, provided that the Somalis themselves demonstrated a disposition to peaceful resolution of the conflict and to cooperation with the international community. The Council welcomed the Secretary-General's intention to continue a small political mission, should the Somali parties so wish, to assist them in coming together in national reconciliation.

8. As conditions did not permit the establishment of the Office in Mogadishu, the United Nations Political Office for Somalia started operations in Nairobi on 15 April 1995, the resources for which were authorized by the Secretary-General under the commitment authority granted to him by the General Assembly in its resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures. Subsequently, the mandate of the Office was extended successively for periods of six months. The Security Council continued to encourage the Secretary-General to continue his consultations with the Somali parties and States and organizations of the region on the role the United Nations could play in supporting the peace efforts and to continue monitoring the situation in Somalia and to report to it in an appropriate manner on those consultations and developments in the situation generally.

9. In his report of 16 September 1997 on the situation in Somalia (S/1997/715), the Secretary-General indicated, inter alia, that in view of the contacts that his Special Envoy had had in the region, he had reviewed the role of the United Nations Political Office for Somalia, which consisted of a Director, one Professional staff member, and one secretary, and had concluded that its continuation and strengthening were essential in order to enable the United Nations to continue to extend assistance to those engaged in peacemaking efforts in Somalia. He also accepted the conclusion of his Special Envoy that the personnel of the Political Office (currently stationed in Nairobi) should undertake more visits to Somalia on a regular basis, security conditions permitting. Unfortunately, with Mogadishu at phase V security status, it was still not possible to move the Office to Mogadishu, but he would keep the question of its relocation to Somalia under review. For planning and budgetary purposes, it was envisaged that the Office would continue to exist during the biennium 1998-1999 and that the necessary financial resources would need to be authorized and allocated. In a letter dated 30 September 1997 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General (S/1997/756), the Council expressed appreciation for the report, which had been submitted following the visit to the region of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General, Mr. Ismat Kittani. The members of the Council supported a more active role of the United Nations in coordinating international mediation efforts in Somalia

and agreed with the Secretary-General's decision to strengthen the staff of the United Nations Political Office for Somalia.

C. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General  
in Sierra Leone

10. The conflict in Sierra Leone began in March 1991. In 1994, the Secretary-General was formally requested to exercise his good offices to bring the Government and the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) to negotiations, with the United Nations serving as an intermediary in that process. In December 1994, an exploratory mission was sent to Sierra Leone to explore the possibilities of dialogue between the Government and the RUF. The findings of the exploratory mission pointed to the need to establish a more permanent presence in Freetown and the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Sierra Leone was appointed on 1 February 1995 (see S/1995/120). In his report to the Security Council dated 21 November 1995, on the situation in Sierra Leone (S/1995/975), the Secretary-General indicated that he intended to retain his Special Envoy in Sierra Leone for the time being, who would continue his efforts to establish a dialogue between the RUF and the Government and to support the process of democratization. In a statement dated 15 February 1996 by the President of the Security Council (S/PRST/1996/7), the Council commended the work of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General to support the democratic transition and to facilitate peace negotiations between the Government of Sierra Leone and the RUF. Subsequently, the Council welcomed the parliamentary and presidential elections held in Sierra Leone in February 1996 and the second round of presidential elections held in March 1996.

11. In a letter dated 3 September 1997 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General (S/1997/681), the members of the Council welcomed the decision of the Secretary-General to appoint a new Special Envoy for Sierra Leone.

12. In its resolution 1132 (1997) of 8 October 1997, the Security Council, acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, encouraged the Secretary-General, through his Special Envoy, in cooperation with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Committee of Four Foreign Ministers on Sierra Leone, to assist in the search for a peaceful resolution of the crisis and, to that end, to work for a resumption of discussions with all parties to the crisis; decided to establish, in accordance with rule 28 of its provisional rules of procedure, a committee of the Security Council, to undertake the tasks enumerated in the resolution; requested the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to that Committee and to make the necessary arrangements in the Secretariat for that purpose; and also requested him to submit an initial report to the Council within 15 days of the adoption of the resolution on compliance with its paragraph 1, and thereafter every 60 days on its implementation and on the humanitarian situation in Sierra Leone.

D. United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Liberia

13. During 1997, with the establishment of a democratically elected Government in Liberia, the principal objectives of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL) had been achieved. In keeping with Security Council resolution 1116 (1997) of 27 June 1997, the mandate of UNOMIL expired on 30 September 1997. Subsequently, as reported to the Security Council on 13 August (S/1997/643), the Secretary-General expressed his intention, pending further consultations with the Government of Liberia, to recommend the establishment of a peace-building support office in Liberia, which would succeed UNOMIL upon the expiration of its mandate. The United Nations presence could greatly assist the new Government in its efforts for reconciliation and reconstruction and contribute to promoting peace and stability in the region.

14. In view of the difficult peace consolidation and reconstruction challenges that Liberia continues to confront, the Secretary-General moved as expeditiously as possible with the establishment of a United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Liberia, as requested by the Government of Liberia. This undertaking was brought about by the very broad support expressed by the international community and by the positive cooperation demonstrated by all parts of the United Nations system, in keeping with the spirit of his proposals for reform. Members of the Security Council took note of the intention of the Secretary-General to maintain an office in Liberia to assist with national reconstruction and development and encouraged the international community to continue to provide assistance to Liberia.

E. United Nations Office in Burundi

15. As a result of the military coup d'état that took place in Burundi on 21 October 1993, consultations were held with members of the Security Council. In a statement dated 25 October 1993 by the President of the Security Council (S/26631), the Council requested the Secretary-General to monitor and follow closely the situation in Burundi, in close association with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and to report to it urgently. In that context, it took note with appreciation of the dispatch by the Secretary-General of a Special Envoy to Burundi. In a statement dated 16 November 1993, by the President of the Security Council (S/26757) the Council, encouraged the Secretary-General to continue using his good offices through his Special Representative and to consider dispatching in his support as soon as possible a small United Nations team to Burundi for fact-finding and advice with a view to facilitating the efforts of the Government of Burundi and OAU.

16. Since the first request of the Security Council in 1993 mentioned above, a United Nations political presence has been established in Burundi. Subsequently, the Council has continued to support all initiatives aimed at promoting peace and reconciliation among the population. The United Nations Office in Burundi has played a constructive role in promoting dialogue and reconciliation among the major political actors, in particular during tense periods, and has maintained good working relations with the Government and the Parliament.

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### III. REVISED ESTIMATES ARISING FROM ACTIVITIES OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

17. One of the priorities in the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 is the maintenance of international peace and security. In achieving that objective, it is necessary to monitor political developments so as to provide early warning of impending conflicts that threaten international peace and security. It is also important to ensure that post-conflict peace-building is integrated into the whole process of peacemaking and peacekeeping in order to consolidate the impact of negotiated peace settlements and to ensure that the original causes of conflicts are eradicated so as to avoid a relapse into hostilities. The necessary funding for those good offices and peacemaking missions listed in section II above is crucial for the adequate administrative and financial planning of those activities called for by the Security Council.

18. The total cost of the activities is estimated at \$9,315,100 (net of staff assessment). Details of the estimates by major object of expenditure for each of the good offices missions are given in table 1. The number and level of staff provided for under general temporary assistance are shown in table 2. Supplementary information on the cost estimates is contained in annexes I to V.

### IV. ACTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19. No provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 for the continued funding of the offices mentioned in the paragraphs above. In order to implement those activities of which the Security Council is seized, an additional appropriation of \$9,315,100 would be required under section 3, Peacekeeping operations and special missions, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. An additional appropriation of \$926,000 would also be required under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

20. As these activities are of an extraordinary nature related to the maintenance of peace and security, they should be dealt with outside the procedures related to the contingency fund, as provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986. It may be observed that by inclusion in the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, the provisions would be made on a basis consistent with those foreseen for political activities of a perennial character and described in paragraph 7 of annex I to that resolution.

Table 1. Estimated cost of activities of which the Security Council is seized, by major object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

|                                | Cambodia<br>1998<br>(one year) | Somalia<br>1998-1999<br>(two years) | Sierra Leone<br>1998-1999<br>(one year) | Liberia<br>1998-1999<br>(one year) | Burundi<br>1998-1999<br>(one year) | Total costs<br>1998-1999 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Military advisers              | 45.3                           | -                                   | -                                       | -                                  | -                                  | 45.3                     |
| Civilian personnel costs       |                                |                                     |                                         |                                    |                                    |                          |
| Salaries (international staff) | 542.0                          | 969.0                               | 229.2                                   | 862.9                              | 921.0                              | 3 524.1                  |
| Salaries (local staff)         | 84.0                           | 38.6                                | -                                       | 19.2                               | 110.5                              | 252.3                    |
| Common staff costs             | 234.0                          | 387.3                               | 92.5                                    | 343.9                              | 379.4                              | 1 437.1                  |
| Hazard payments                | -                              | -                                   | -                                       | -                                  | 152.1                              | 152.1                    |
| Mission subsistence allowance  | 268.3                          | 356.6                               | 196.1                                   | 372.3                              | 442.4                              | 1 635.7                  |
| Travel                         | 13.0                           | 137.6                               | 91.1                                    | 11.5                               | 29.0                               | 282.2                    |
| Hospitality                    | 6.0                            | 4.8                                 | 4.8                                     | 2.4                                | 6.0                                | 24.0                     |
| Premises                       | 66.0                           | 38.4                                | 30.0                                    | 117.8                              | 109.3                              | 361.5                    |
| Transport operations           | 63.2                           | 68.8                                | 32.1                                    | 28.9                               | 125.5                              | 318.5                    |
| Air operations                 | -                              | 240.0                               | -                                       | 100.0                              | 82.4                               | 422.4                    |
| Communications                 | 27.6                           | 64.8                                | 120.0                                   | 144.0                              | 171.2                              | 527.6                    |
| Furniture and equipment        | 4.5                            | 24.0                                | -                                       | -                                  | 23.6                               | 52.1                     |

|                                           | Cambodia<br>1998<br>(one year) | Somalia<br>1998-1999<br>(two years) | Sierra Leone<br>1998-1999<br>(one year) | Liberia<br>1998-1999<br>(one year) | Burundi<br>1998-1999<br>(one year) | Total costs<br>1998-1999 |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Miscellaneous<br>supplies and<br>services | 16.2                           | 128.4                               | 31.0                                    | 72.6                               | 11.5                               | 259.7                    |
| Freight                                   | -                              | 12.0                                | 1.0                                     | 6.0                                | 1.5                                | 20.5                     |
| Net requirements                          | <u>1 370.1</u>                 | <u>2 470.3</u>                      | <u>827.8</u>                            | <u>2 081.5</u>                     | <u>2 565.4</u>                     | <u>9 315.1</u>           |
| Staff assessment                          | 144.4                          | 243.6                               | 61.3                                    | 223.4                              | 253.3                              | 926.0                    |

Table 2. Staffing

|                                      | Cambodia<br>1998<br>(one year) | Somalia<br>1998-1999<br>(two years) | Sierra Leone<br>1998<br>(one year) | Liberia<br>1998<br>(one year) | Burundi<br>1998<br>(one year) | Total staff<br>1998-1999 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| D-2                                  | 1                              | 1                                   | 1                                  | 1                             | 1                             | 5                        |
| D-1                                  | -                              | -                                   | -                                  | -                             | 1                             | 1                        |
| P-5                                  | -                              | 1                                   | -                                  | 1                             | -                             | 2                        |
| P-4                                  | 2                              | 1                                   | -                                  | 3                             | 3                             | 9                        |
| P-3                                  | 2                              | -                                   | 1                                  | 1                             | 1                             | 5                        |
| P-2                                  | 1                              | -                                   | -                                  | -                             | 1                             | 2                        |
| Subtotal                             | 6                              | 3                                   | 2                                  | 6                             | 7                             | 24                       |
| Field Service                        | -                              | 2                                   | -                                  | 1                             | 2                             | 5                        |
| General Service<br>(Principal level) | -                              | -                                   | -                                  | 1                             | -                             | 1                        |
| General Service<br>(Other levels)    | -                              | -                                   | 1                                  | 3                             | 3                             | 7                        |
| Security Services                    | 1                              | -                                   | -                                  | 1                             | -                             | 2                        |
| Subtotal                             | 1                              | 2                                   | 1                                  | 6                             | 5                             | 15                       |
| Total,<br>international              | 7                              | 5                                   | 3                                  | 12                            | 12                            | 39                       |
| Local level                          | 8                              | 2                                   | -                                  | 3                             | 17                            | 30                       |
| Special service<br>agreement         | 1                              | -                                   | -                                  | -                             | -                             | 1                        |
| Total, local                         | 9                              | 2                                   | -                                  | 3                             | 17                            | 31                       |
| Total staff                          | <u>16</u>                      | <u>7</u>                            | <u>3</u>                           | <u>15</u>                     | <u>29</u>                     | <u>70</u>                |
| Military observers                   | 1                              | -                                   | -                                  | -                             | -                             | 1                        |

ANNEX I

Office of the Representative of the Secretary-General  
in Cambodia

Cost estimates for the period from 1 January to  
31 December 1998: supplementary information

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1. Military adviser ..... 45 300

Provision is made for mission subsistence allowance in respect of one military adviser at a daily rate of \$105, and rotation travel, including excess baggage, terminal expenses and 100 kilogrammes of excess baggage.

2. Civilian personnel costs ..... 1 141 300

Provision is made for the salaries and common staff costs of seven international staff, the Representative of the Secretary-General, at the D-2 level, assisted by five Political Affairs Officers (two P-4, two P-3 and one P-2), one Security Officer and eight locally recruited staff (one secretary, one receptionist/clerk, four interpreters, one guard and one driver) and one secretary/finance assistant on a special service contract. Provisions for international staff consist of salaries (\$542,000) and common staff costs (\$218,000); monthly subsistence allowance (\$268,300), calculated at a daily rate of \$105; and travel (\$13,000). Local salaries in respect of eight staff are estimated at \$600 per month and special service payments at \$2,050 per month.

Provisions for travel relate to two round trips for the Representative of the Secretary-General and one Political Affairs Officer for consultations at Headquarters (\$7,000); local travel of the Representative and six international staff (\$4,000); and local travel of the military adviser, accompanied by one interpreter, to visit provinces (\$2,000).

3. Hospitality ..... 6 000

The provision relates to official functions, estimated at \$500 per month.

4. Premises ..... 66 000

Premises are estimated at \$5,500 per month, including the cost of water, gas, electricity and cleaning supplies and services.

5. Transport operations ..... 63 200

The requirements relate to the replacement of two vehicles, which were transferred from the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) in 1994 (\$45,000); rental of two vehicles, at an average cost of \$700 per month (\$8,400); spare parts, repairs and maintenance in respect of

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four vehicles (\$4,800); insurance (\$1,000); and petrol, oil and lubricants (\$4,000).

6. Communications ..... 27 600

Commercial communication costs are estimated at \$2,300 per month, including facsimile, telephone and telex.

7. Other equipment ..... 4 500

The resources relate to the acquisition of five cellular phones, including the cost of activation (\$2,500) and the replacement of office furniture and equipment transferred from UNTAC in 1994 (\$2,000).

8. Miscellaneous supplies and services ..... 16 200

Miscellaneous supplies are estimated at \$8,200 and include stationery and office supplies (\$2,600), subscriptions (\$3,600) and other miscellaneous supplies (\$2,000).

Miscellaneous services, estimated at \$8,000, include contractual arrangements for security coverage (\$6,500) and maintenance of furniture and office equipment (\$1,500).

ANNEX II

United Nations Political Office for Somalia

Cost estimates for the period from 1 January 1998 to  
31 December 1999: supplementary information

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1. Civilian personnel costs

(a) Salaries and common staff costs ..... 1 394 900

Provisions are made for the salaries and common staff costs of five international staff (one D-2, one P-5, one P-4 and two Field Service) and two staff at the local level (one driver and one messenger/driver).

The Office is headed by a staff member at the D-2 level, supported by two Political Affairs Officers (one P-5 and one P-4) and two Field Service staff (one finance/administrative assistant and one secretary).

Salaries of international staff are estimated at \$969,000 and common staff costs at \$362,200. Local salaries are estimated at \$804 per month and common staff costs at \$525.

(b) Mission subsistence allowance ..... 356 600

Mission subsistence allowance is estimated at 170,000 Kenya shillings per month converted into United States dollars at the rate of exchange of K Sh 57.21 to \$1.

(c) Other official travel ..... 137 600

Provision is made to cover the cost of round-trip official travel from Nairobi to various places. It is estimated that the Head of the Political Office will travel to New York twice a year for consultation and briefing (\$21,500). In addition, the Head of the mission and one Political Officer will travel twice a year to various countries within the region (\$116,100).

2. Hospitality ..... 4 800

Hospitality is estimated at \$200 per month.

3. Rental of premises ..... 38 400

Provision is made for the reimbursement to the United Nations Office at Nairobi for rented premises, including the cost of utilities and services, estimated at \$1,600 per month.

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## 4. Transport operations ..... 68 800

The estimates include the rental of four-wheel drive vehicles for transportation within Somalia at \$1,000 per month and the operation of four United Nations Political Office for Somalia (Nairobi) vehicles, comprising insurance at \$17 per month per vehicle; petrol, oil and lubricants at \$1,000 per month; and spare parts, maintenance and repairs at \$800 per month.

## 5. Air operations ..... 240 000

Provision is made for rental of aircraft to travel to Somalia and "Somaliland" at \$1,000 per hour for 10 hours per month.

## 6. Commercial communications ..... 64 800

Provision is made for commercial communications to cover the costs of local and long-distance calls, cables and faxes at a rate of \$2,000 per month; pouches at a rate of \$700 per month; and other miscellaneous communications charges.

## 7. Other equipment ..... 24 000

Provision is made for electronic data-processing spare parts and supplies at \$500 per month and spare parts and maintenance of other furniture and equipment at \$500 per month.

## 8. Miscellaneous supplies and services ..... 128 400

Miscellaneous supplies are estimated at \$20,400 and include provisions for subscriptions, estimated at \$150 per month and other supplies, such as stationery, estimated at \$700 per month.

Miscellaneous services, estimated at \$108,000, would provide for contractual arrangements for two Somali translators and interpreters, at a monthly fee of \$2,000 each, and other miscellaneous services estimated at \$500 per month.

## 9. Freight ..... 12 000

Provision is made to cover freight and other related costs for miscellaneous supplies and equipment not covered elsewhere, at an estimated cost of \$500 per month.

ANNEX III

Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General  
in Sierra Leone

Cost estimates for the period from 1 January 1998 to  
31 December 1998: supplementary information

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1. Civilian personnel costs ..... 608 900

(a) Salaries and common staff costs

Provision in the amount of \$321,700 would cover salaries (\$229,200) and common staff costs (\$92,500) of the Special Envoy at the D-2 level, one Political Affairs Officer (P-3) and one international secretary.

(b) Mission subsistence allowance

Subsistence allowance, estimated at \$196,100, for the three international staff assumes accommodation at the Hotel Cammayenne in Conakry, at the rates effective on 1 September 1997, namely, \$225 for the first 60 days and \$170 thereafter.

(c) Travel

Travel is estimated at \$91,100. It is envisaged that the Special Envoy will undertake four round trips per year to New York for consultations for a duration of one week each (\$72,400). It is also foreseen that the Special Envoy, accompanied by the Political Affairs Officer, will undertake various trips for attendance at meetings held in countries of the Economic Community of West African States (\$18,700).

2. Hospitality ..... 4 800

The estimates assume \$400 per month for official functions and other hospitality extended to parties in the peace negotiations.

3. Premises ..... 30 000

Rental of premises is estimated at \$2,500 a month, inclusive of utilities, and is based on the assumption that the Office of the Special Envoy will continue to rent premises at the Hotel Cammayenne at a rate of \$82 per day.

4. Transport operations ..... 32 100

The estimates relate to the rental of one vehicle at a unit rate of \$88 per day for the use of the Special Envoy and his staff, inclusive of the cost of petrol, oil and lubricants.

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5. Commercial communications ..... 120 000

A breakdown of projected expenditures under this heading is given below:

|                                                  |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Cellular phone/fax - rental and charges          | \$60 000 |
| Mobile cellular phone - rental and charges       | \$48 000 |
| A satellite phone provided by the United Nations | \$12 000 |

6. Miscellaneous supplies and services ..... 31 000

Miscellaneous services are estimated at \$24,000 and miscellaneous supplies at \$7,000.

7. Freight ..... 1 000

An amount of \$1,000 is estimated to cover freight charges that may arise while the Office operates in Conakry.

ANNEX IV

United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Liberia

Cost estimates for the period from 1 January 1998 to  
31 December 1998: supplementary information

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1. Civilian personnel costs

(a) Salaries and common staff costs ..... 1 226 000

International staff salaries for 12 staff (1 D-2, 1 P-5, 3 P-4, 1 P-3, 4 General Service, 1 at the Principal level, 1 Security Officer and 1 Field Service) are estimated at \$862,900 and common staff costs at \$339,400. Local salaries for three staff are estimated at \$533.33 per month and common staff costs at \$125 per month.

The D-2 position is the Head of the mission, supported by one Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5), one Special Assistant to the Head of mission (P-4), one Political Affairs Officer (P-4), one Legal Affairs Officer (P-4) and one Administrative Officer (P-3). The General Service (Principal level) would serve as finance assistant; three General Service (Other level) would serve as administrative assistant, personnel assistant and secretary. The Field Service post would be used for a communications officer.

(b) Mission subsistence allowance ..... 372 300

Provision is made for mission subsistence allowance for 12 international staff for 12 months at a daily rate of \$85 per person.

(c) Other official travel ..... 11 500

It is estimated that the Head of mission will travel to New York twice a year for consultation and briefing at a cost of \$3,500 for each round-trip air ticket and \$2,250 for seven days' subsistence allowance and terminal expenses (\$11,500).

2. Premises ..... 117 800

Provision is made for rental of office space at \$5,000 per month and rental of space for satellite equipment at the Ducor Hotel at \$200 per month; maintenance supplies at \$200 per month; maintenance services at \$200 per month; alterations and renovations at a total cost of \$6,000; and utilities at \$45,600. The estimated cost for utilities is based on fuel consumption for two 15 KVA (for satellite equipment) and one 100 KVA (for office premises) generators at daily consumption rates of 144 and 240 litres, respectively (11,520 litres per month), at \$0.30 per litre. In addition, provision is made for lubricants at 10 per cent of fuel cost.

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3. Transport operations ..... 28 900

The estimates are based on the operating and maintenance for 12 months of six United Nations-owned vehicles (one sedan; four 4 x 4 and one minibus) to be provided from former stock of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia. It is estimated that each vehicle will consume 20.6 litres of fuel per day at a cost of \$0.30 per litre and lubricants at 10 per cent of fuel cost, or a total cost of \$14,900 for petrol, oil and lubricants. In addition, the estimates include the cost of third-party liability insurance carried by the mission and under the worldwide programme at an annual rate of \$410 per vehicle (\$2,500 for six vehicles); and the cost of spare parts, maintenance, accident and hostility damage repairs of the United Nations-owned vehicles at a monthly rate of \$160 per vehicle (\$11,500).

4. Air operations ..... 100 000

Provision is made for rental of aircraft, when required, to travel to remote areas of Liberia, at \$2,000 per hour for 50 flight/hours during 1998.

5. Commercial communications ..... 144 000

Provision is made for spare parts and supplies for the repair and maintenance of communications equipment at an average monthly cost of \$500 (\$6,000). In addition, provision of \$138,000 is made for the cost of commercial communications, consisting of (a) transponder user charge for the satellite, at \$8,000 per month (\$96,000); (b) \$12,000 for INMARSAT charges, at \$1,000 per month; (c) \$24,000 for telephone and telex charges, at \$2,000 per month; and (d) \$6,000 for pouch and postage, at \$500 per month.

6. Miscellaneous supplies and services ..... 72 600

Miscellaneous services are estimated at \$56,400 and include provisions for contractual services related to cleaning services, water supply and handymen, estimated at \$1,000 per month (\$12,000); security services, including the cost of security guards for the mission's premises and properties (\$12,000); repairs and maintenance of office equipment, generators, data-processing equipment and so on (\$12,000); hospitality (\$2,400); and other miscellaneous services, including bank charges, at \$1,500 per month (\$18,000). Miscellaneous supplies are estimated at \$16,200 and include provisions for stationery and office supplies, such as local printing, reproduction materials and data-processing supplies, at a monthly cost of \$500 (\$6,000); miscellaneous supplies such as refills for fire extinguishers, water and fuel cans and other expendable general stores, estimated at \$700 per month (\$8,400); and subscriptions, estimated at \$150 per month (\$1,800).

7. Freight ..... 6 000

Provision is made to cover freight and other related costs for miscellaneous supplies and equipment not covered elsewhere, at \$500 per month.

ANNEX V

United Nations Office in Burundi

Cost estimates for the period from 1 January 1998 to  
31 December 1998: supplementary information

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1. Civilian personnel costs

- (a) Salaries and common staff costs ..... 1 563 000

Provisions are made for the salaries (\$921,000) and common staff costs (\$355,600) in respect of 12 international staff (1 D-2, 1 D-1, 3 P-4, 1 P-2, 3 General Service and 2 Field Service and 1 Security Officer).

The Office is headed by a staff member at the D-2 level, supported by one Senior Political Affairs Officer (D-1), two Political Affairs Officers (P-4), one Administrative Officer (P-4) and a Finance Officer (P-2). The three international General Service staff would serve as secretaries, while the two Field Service staff would function as communications operator and transport officer.

Provision is made for the salaries of 17 local staff members based on the local salary scale applicable to Bujumbura. Local salaries are estimated at \$542 per month and common staff costs at \$117 monthly. Owing to the embargo placed on Burundi, the local staff were entitled, in addition to their salaries, to a 79.22 per cent interim cost-of-living bonus. The local staff consists of administrative and finance assistants, senior drivers, clerks, transport mechanics, a dispatcher and guards.

Included in the estimates is a provision to cover the hazard duty station allowance for international staff at a rate of \$902.50 per month and for local staff at 20 per cent of the mid-point local salary scale.

- (b) Mission subsistence allowance ..... 442 400

Mission subsistence allowance for 12 international staff is calculated at a rate of \$131 per day for the first 30 days and \$101 thereafter.

- (c) Other official travel ..... 29 000

Provision is made to cover the costs of two round trips for the Head of Mission from Bujumbura to New York for consultation (\$11,000) and five official trips within the mission area for the Political Affairs Officer for political purposes (\$11,000). Owing to the embargo on Burundi, the mission has occasionally to acquire vehicle spare parts, tools and office supplies from Nairobi. Additional provision is

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therefore made for four round trips to Nairobi for the procurement of those goods (\$7,000). The total estimated costs include daily subsistence allowance at the rates in the areas of travel.

2. Hospitality ..... 6 000

Provision is made for hospitality at a rate of \$500 per month for official functions and receptions by the Head of Mission and the Senior Political Advisor.

3. Premises ..... 109 300

Provision is made for the rental of premises (\$75,700), utilities (\$11,400), maintenance supplies (\$7,500), maintenance services (\$7,500) and office alteration and repairs (\$7,200).

The estimates for the rental of premises are based on the current monthly rent of 373 square metres of office area at a cost of \$9.22 per square metre, storage area at a rate of \$371 per month and the rental of the transport workshop at a rate of \$2,500. The monthly cost for maintenance supplies and services was estimated at 10 per cent of the monthly rental costs.

4. Transport operations ..... 125 500

A provision of \$87,600 is made for vehicle spare parts for maintenance and repair of 23 vehicles at \$300 per month for 21 vehicles (sedans and 4x4) and \$500 per month for two heavy vehicles (armoured personnel carriers).

Third-party insurance for 23 vehicles is estimated at \$6,300, at \$274 per vehicle per year. This rate is based on third-party local insurance at \$217 per vehicle per year and United Nations third-party blanket insurance at \$57 per vehicle per year.

Petrol for 23 vehicles is estimated at \$28,700, at a consumption rate of 30 litres per vehicle per week at a cost of \$0.80 per litre. Oil and lubricants are estimated at 10 per cent of the total fuel consumption (\$2,900).

5. Air operations ..... 82 400

There are currently no commercial flights into and out of Bujumbura. Provision is made, therefore, to cover shipping costs for all mission requirements through other United Nations missions in the area. Two round trips of 12 flying hours each, at a cost of \$2,900 per flying hour is estimated (\$69,600), plus fuel and ground handling charges (\$12,800).

6. Communications ..... 171 200

A provision of \$70,100 is required for commercial communications, consisting of INMARSAT "M" charges (\$9,600), INMARSAT "C" charges (\$2,400)

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and the INTELSAT transponder lease (\$3,500); charges for cellular phones/telephone/facsimile, postage and pouch (\$54,600).

Maintenance of communications equipment is estimated at \$10,000, consisting of replacement parts for communications equipment; telephone cables and accessories, batteries for repeaters and base stations, antenna cables and connectors, and other miscellaneous communications spare parts and supplies.

Most of the Office's equipment has been provided from other missions. The replacement of that equipment and some new acquisitions, estimated at \$91,100, inclusive of 15 per cent freight, would be required, as follows: two HF base stations at \$5,000 each and two HF mobile radios at \$6,000 each; two INMARSAT Mini "M" terminals at \$3,000 each; two INMARSAT "C" terminals at \$10,000 each; switching equipment, consisting of five telephone sets at \$500 each, one paper fax machine at \$2,000, one secure facsimile at \$8,000 and three cellular telephones at \$1,600 each; 10 12-volt battery chargers at \$150; eight solar power systems at \$700 each; and test and workshop equipment estimated at \$10,200.

7. Miscellaneous supplies and services ..... 11 500

Miscellaneous supplies are estimated at \$5,500 and would provide for stationery and other supplies as well as subscriptions. Miscellaneous services are estimated at \$6,000 and include provisions for maintenance of office furniture and equipment (\$1,200), maintenance of electronic data-processing equipment (\$3,300), hospitality (\$6,000) and other miscellaneous services (\$1,500).

8. Other equipment ..... 23 600

Provision is made for the purchase of one high-volume photocopying machine (\$18,000) and one air-conditioner (\$2,500). The total cost of \$23,600 includes freight at 15 per cent of the estimated cost of the equipment.

9. Freight ..... 1 500

A provision is made to cover freight and related costs relating to miscellaneous supplies not covered elsewhere.

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### PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

#### Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

#### Report of the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General, under section 11B, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999,<sup>1</sup> informed the General Assembly of the developments in the International Trade Centre (ITC) programme budget resulting from the decision taken by the General Council of the World Trade Organization (WTO) on 3 April 1995.<sup>2</sup> That decision would affect the administrative and budgetary arrangements established for ITC on the basis of the 1967 accord between the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the United Nations, the latter acting through the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in operating the Centre. The Secretary-General has proposed revised arrangements for the review and approval of the programme budget of ITC by the General Assembly.<sup>3</sup> He has also proposed to maintain provisionally for the biennium 1998-1999 the appropriation for financing the United Nations share of the programme budget of ITC at its 1996-1997 level, approved by the General Assembly in resolution 51/222 A of 18 December 1996, until such time as the proposed programme budget of ITC for 1998 and 1999 is reviewed by the General Assembly.

2. The present report provides a historical overview of ITC. It also outlines in detail the proposals for revised administrative and budgetary arrangements for review, approval, administration and reporting on the implementation of the programme budget of ITC.

3. The International Trade Centre was established at the request of developing countries by a decision of the Contracting Parties to GATT on 19 March 1964. The Centre came into operation in May 1964. From 1968, ITC was jointly operated by GATT and UNCTAD in equal partnership, with a view to integrating the resources and activities of both bodies in export promotion for the benefit of the developing countries. That joint operation was approved by the General



Assembly in resolution 2297 (XXII) of 12 December 1967 and by the Contracting Parties to GATT. The sponsoring organizations, GATT and UNCTAD, provided overall direction to ITC through the UNCTAD/GATT Advisory Group, membership of which was open to the Contracting Parties to GATT and Member States of the United Nations. The United Nations and GATT contributed equally to financing the regular budget of ITC, which was supplemented by project funds from the United Nations Development Programme and by voluntary contributions from Member States. It was agreed between GATT and the United Nations at that time that GATT should continue to deal with administrative and financial matters, such as personnel actions, payments and maintenance of accounts, and that all relevant GATT financial and staff regulations and rules should apply. The expenditure of voluntary contributions would also be accounted for by GATT, and ITC accounts would be audited by the GATT external auditors.

4. In view of the rapid expansion of the activities of ITC, the Director-General of GATT and the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in 1972 agreed that changes were required in the administrative and financial arrangements for ITC. The legal status of ITC vis-à-vis the United Nations was reviewed in 1973 and 1974 and new administrative and financial arrangements<sup>4</sup> were approved by the Contracting Parties to GATT on 19 November 1974 and by the General Assembly in a decision adopted at its 2325th meeting, on 18 December 1974.

5. The 1974 agreement on ITC provided, inter alia, for the following:

(a) The Centre would apply the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules and Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and would make maximum use of the support services of the United Nations Office at Geneva for reasons of economy and efficiency. Its accounts would be certified by the United Nations Controller, audited by the External Auditors of the United Nations and reported to the General Assembly and the GATT Council;

(b) The Centre would continue to exercise the delegated authority to receive voluntary contributions and approve payments from its trust funds;

(c) The regular staff members of ITC, although limited to service with ITC, would have the same rights as staff members of the United Nations Secretariat.

6. For some 20 years, GATT has relied upon the General Assembly's scrutiny of and decisions on the ITC budget estimates and its budget performance reports, and accepted its share of the ITC budget and expenditure on the basis of the decisions by the Assembly. Over that period, GATT has periodically experienced difficulties in its review and approval of the ITC budget, owing to the unsynchronized budget cycles of the two organizations and differences in the budgetary process and methodology used, including the application of different exchange rates and different statistical data on inflation.

7. Upon the creation of WTO, its General Council, on 3 April 1995, approved the revised budgetary arrangements for ITC which included, inter alia, the following:

- (a) The control function of WTO on the ITC budgetary procedures would be restored;
- (b) The ITC budget would be subject to the same preparation and reporting procedures as the WTO budget;
- (c) The ITC budget would cover a calendar year and would be presented in Swiss francs;
- (d) The ITC budget would be formulated by the ITC secretariat using exchange rates and inflation factors to be decided upon jointly by the secretariats of ITC and WTO, in consultation with the United Nations.

By the same decision, the General Council of WTO mandated its secretariat to negotiate the implementation of the above-mentioned budgetary arrangements with the United Nations Secretariat.

8. On 29 September 1995, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of WTO, in an exchange of letters on the relationship between the two organizations,<sup>5</sup> agreed, inter alia, to recommend to the responsible intergovernmental organs that the present arrangements governing the status of ITC as a joint body be confirmed and renewed with WTO, subject to revised budgetary arrangements as called for by the General Council of WTO. The recommendation of the Executive Heads was noted by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1995/322 of 12 December 1995.

9. Pursuant to that agreement, a series of consultations has been undertaken by the United Nations Secretariat, ITC and the secretariat of WTO on the modalities for the implementation of the 1974 agreement on the administrative arrangements for ITC. Some consultations on the issue with the secretariats of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Board of Auditors have also taken place. In the course of those consultations, the understanding of the Secretariat, namely, that the 1974 agreement between GATT and the United Nations which established the rights and responsibilities of the governing bodies of both organizations vis-à-vis ITC continues to be legally in force, has been conveyed to the WTO secretariat. It is the understanding of the United Nations Secretariat that the revisions of budgetary arrangements called for by the General Council of WTO could be implemented through a series of administrative and technical measures without affecting the policy provisions of the 1974 agreement.

10. On the above understanding, the following arrangements governing the preparation, review and approval of the ITC budget are proposed:

- (a) To satisfy the needs of both governing bodies, the ITC budget format and the process of its review and approval by the General Assembly should be adapted within the framework of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, and relevant General Assembly resolutions on the budgetary process;

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(b) The programme of work of ITC would continue to be based on the United Nations medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, as approved by the General Assembly in resolution 51/219 of 18 December 1996. It would also be based on the WTO programme of technical cooperation (currently included in the three-year plan for 1997-1999);

(c) The United Nations Secretariat would continue to provide technical and administrative support to ITC in the implementation of its budget, on a reimbursable basis. The ITC accounts would be administered by the United Nations, and the ITC financial statements would continue to be certified and reported to the General Assembly and the General Council of WTO by the Controller. The Centre's activities would be subject to internal audit and oversight by the Office of Internal Oversight Services. The related findings would be reported by the Secretary-General to both governing bodies;

(d) The accounts would be audited by the External Auditors of the United Nations and the findings therefrom would be reported by the Board of Auditors to the General Assembly and the General Council of WTO.

11. The ITC budget would be prepared on an annual basis. The budget for the first year of the biennium would also contain a projection of the requirements for the second year so that the General Assembly can decide on the United Nations share of that budget for the United Nations biennial budgetary cycle. Given that most of the expenditure of the Centre is incurred in Swiss francs, the budget would be formulated and presented to the General Assembly for approval in that currency, thus obviating the need to budget for currency fluctuations. To enable the General Assembly to decide on the level of the appropriation needed to finance the United Nations share of the approved ITC budget, that share would be recosted in United States dollars when the United Nations proposed programme budget is recosted towards the end of the session of the General Assembly and at the time of the first performance report on the programme budget of the United Nations, using the prevailing rate of exchange between the United States dollar and the Swiss franc. The accounts of ITC would be maintained in both United States dollars and Swiss francs, the latter being the basic currency. The accounts would be certified and reported to the External Auditors in both currencies.

12. The ITC budget would be structured in such a way as to satisfy the requirements of the United Nations budgetary process established by the General Assembly in resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and other relevant Assembly resolutions. The structure may be seen in the proposed programme budget of ITC for the year 1998, which has been submitted to the General Assembly at its current session.<sup>6</sup> The suggested timetable for the review and approval of the proposed programme budget of ITC and related performance reports by both the General Assembly and the General Council of WTO is contained in the annex to the present report.

13. Should the General Assembly agree with the proposed approach, it may wish to take a note of the present report and to invite the General Council of WTO to accept the proposed arrangements and timetable for the review and approval of the proposed programme budget of ITC and related budget performance reports.

Notes

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/52/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., para. 11B.8.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., paras. 11B.9 and 11B.10.

<sup>4</sup> A/C.5/1533 and A/C.5/1604.

<sup>5</sup> E/1995/125.

<sup>6</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 6, corrigendum (A/52/6/Rev.1/Corr.1).

Annex

Timetable for the review and approval of the proposed programme budget of the International Trade Centre and related budget performance reports by the General Assembly and the General Council of the World Trade Organization

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <u>United Nations</u> | <u>World Trade Organization</u> |
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| I. YEAR PRECEDING THE UNITED NATIONS FINANCIAL PERIOD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                                 |
| A. The International Trade Centre (ITC) submits the outline of its budget for the first year of the United Nations biennium, including projections for the second year, for the determination of the United Nations share of ITC costs in the proposed programme budget of the United Nations | March                 | -                               |
| B. The Centre submits detailed proposals on its programme budget for the first year of the biennium, including projections for the second year, to the secretariats of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization (WTO)                                                              | April                 | April                           |
| C. The secretariats submit the proposed programme budget of ITC to:                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |                                 |
| (a) The General Assembly in fascicle form in the context of the proposed programme budget of the United Nations;                                                                                                                                                                              | May                   |                                 |
| (b) Relevant bodies of WTO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       | September                       |
| D. The proposed programme of work of ITC is reviewed by the Committee for Programme and Coordination                                                                                                                                                                                          | June-July             | -                               |
| E. The proposed programme budget of ITC is reviewed by the Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration of WTO. The recommendations of the Committee to the General Council of WTO are transmitted to the United Nations                                                                   | -                     | September-October               |
| F. The proposed programme budget of ITC is reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ). The recommendations of ACABQ to the General Assembly are transmitted to WTO                                                                                  | October-November      | -                               |
| G. The proposed programme budget of ITC is reviewed and adopted by the General Assembly and the General Council of WTO                                                                                                                                                                        | November-December     | November                        |

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## II. FIRST YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM

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| A. The Centre submits detailed proposals on its programme budget for the second year of the biennium to the secretariats of the United Nations and WTO                                                                                                                                                                                 | April             | April             |
| B. The secretariats of the United Nations and WTO submit the proposed programme budget of ITC for the second year of the biennium to the General Assembly and the relevant bodies of WTO                                                                                                                                               | May               | September         |
| C. The Centre submits a performance report on the programme budget for the first year of the biennium to the secretariats of the United Nations and WTO                                                                                                                                                                                | September         | September         |
| D. The proposed programme budget of ITC for the second year of the biennium and the performance report on the programme budget for the first year are reviewed by the Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration of WTO. The recommendations of the Committee to the General Council of WTO are transmitted to the United Nations | -                 | September-October |
| E. The proposed programme budget of ITC for the second year of the biennium and the performance report on the programme budget for the first year are reviewed by ACABQ. The recommendations of ACABQ to the General Assembly are transmitted to WTO                                                                                   | October-November  | -                 |
| F. The proposed programme budget of ITC for the second year of the biennium and the performance report on the programme budget for the first year are reviewed by the General Council of WTO                                                                                                                                           | -                 | November          |
| G. The proposed programme budget of ITC for the second year of the biennium and the performance report on the programme budget for the first year are reviewed by the General Assembly in the context of its review of the first performance report on the programme budget of the United Nations <sup>a</sup>                         | November-December | -                 |

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<sup>a</sup> The performance report on the programme budget of ITC for the second year of the biennium would be reviewed by the General Assembly in the context of its review of the second performance report on the programme budget of the United Nations.

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**Admission of the International Seabed Authority to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund****Note by the Secretary-General**

1. At its 52nd meeting, on 24 November 1997, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Admission of the International Seabed Authority to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee. The Permanent Representative of Jamaica had requested the inclusion of the item and, in the explanatory memorandum accompanying her request (A/52/233, annex), provided background information on the application of the International Seabed Authority for admission to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund. Guyana supported the request (see A/52/233/Add.1).

2. The requirements for membership in the Fund are set out in article 3, paragraphs (b) and (c), of the Regulations of the Fund, which read as follows:

"(b) Membership in the Fund shall be open to the specialized agencies referred to in Article 57, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations and to any other international, intergovernmental organization that participates in the common system of salaries, allowances and other conditions of service of the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

"(c) Admission to membership in the Fund shall be by decision of the General Assembly, upon the affirmative recommendation of the [United Nations Joint Staff Pension] Board, after acceptance by the organization concerned of these Regulations and agreement reached with the Board as to the conditions which shall govern its admission."

3. The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the Fifth Committee a note by the Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board concerning the application of the International Seabed Authority, which had been considered by the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board at its meeting held from 30 June to 2 July 1997.



## **Annex**

### **Note by the Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, prepared after consultations with the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Board**

1. The application of the International Seabed Authority for membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund was considered by the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board at its meeting held from 30 June to 2 July 1997, on the basis of an exchange of correspondence between the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority and the Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.
  2. At its forty-seventh session, in July 1996, the Board had decided to delegate to the Standing Committee consideration of a possible application by the International Seabed Authority for membership in the Fund. Accordingly, at its meeting held from 30 June to 2 July 1997, the Standing Committee was advised, through a letter dated 27 August 1997 from the Secretary-General of the Authority, that the Assembly of the Authority had decided to apply for membership in the Fund as from 1 January 1998.
  3. Since the International Seabed Authority was clearly an "international intergovernmental organization", having been established in 1994 under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea by the parties to that Convention, and adhered to the common system of salaries, allowances and other conditions of service of the United Nations, the Standing Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the application of the Authority for membership in the Fund as from 1 January 1998. The Standing Committee noted that, to be considered, the item would have to be added to the agenda of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly, as the item "United Nations pension system" was not on the agenda of the Assembly in odd-numbered years.
  4. Pursuant to the recommendation of the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Board, the Fifth Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that it approve the application by the International Seabed Authority for membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, effective as from 1 January 1998.
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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

Letter dated 1 December 1997 from the President of the General  
Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to draw your attention to further consideration of agenda item 157, "United Nations reform: measures and proposals", and to possible recommendations to be provided by the Fifth Committee in this regard to the General Assembly.

In my letter of 14 November 1997 (A/C.5/52/20), I drew to your attention General Assembly resolution 52/12, entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform", for appropriate action by the Fifth Committee.

I have the honour to inform you that the consideration of the proposals of the Secretary-General continues in open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on agenda item 157, with a view to enabling the General Assembly to take appropriate action in this respect. The Fifth Committee, upon receipt of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, is expected to examine the administrative and budgetary, as well as the programme implications, of those proposals.

Given their political importance, I therefore request, through you, that the Fifth Committee take up on a priority basis the financial and budgetary implications, as contained in document A/52/303, of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950).

(Signed) Hennadiy UDOVENKO

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UNITED NATIONS COMMON SYSTEM

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith, for consideration by the General Assembly, a statement adopted by the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) at its second regular session of 1997.<sup>1</sup>

Notes

<sup>1</sup> The statement was adopted by ACC on the recommendation of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions. One executive head indicated that he could not concur with the statement.



ANNEX

Statement by the Administrative Committee on Coordination  
on conditions of service and the application of the  
Noblemaire principle

The Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) adopted the following statement for submission to the General Assembly:

"In recent years, ACC has repeatedly called upon the General Assembly and the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) to restore the competitiveness of United Nations common system remuneration. In a statement submitted to the General Assembly in 1996 (A/C.5/51/25 and Corr.1, annex) ACC stressed the importance of there being simultaneous movement on two fronts: the active, continuing pursuit of efficiency, enhanced performance, including managerial performance, and structural and management reform; and an equally active pursuit by ICSC of the measures required to restore competitive conditions of service through the rebuilding of the Noblemaire principle. Both of these objectives are part of the established policy of the General Assembly. They both must be pursued vigorously and in a mutually reinforcing way.

"In the same statement, ACC stressed that the grave financial situation that the system was facing remained of the utmost concern to the executive heads, and that the search for solutions to the financial crisis must be given the utmost priority by the membership. In the statement, ACC recalled that, at the level of the secretariats, no efforts were being spared towards improved management, as well as cost containment, in the face of long-standing budgetary constraints. It emphasized that two key conditions for the ultimate success of those efforts would be flexibility and innovation in staff management, and the capacity to attract, motivate and retain the best performers, so as to continue to adhere to the tenets of the Charter of the United Nations with regard to the international civil service.

"In the statement, members of ACC also reiterated their responsibility for the management of the cost structure of their organizations, as stated in the ACC submission on the subject to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session (A/C.5/50/11). In the same context, they noted that modalities and arrangements for implementation may need to vary from organization to organization, in consultation, as necessary, with the respective governing bodies, taking into account resource constraints while fully safeguarding programme resources.

"In the past two years, the General Assembly has also reaffirmed the need to ensure the competitiveness of the United Nations system conditions of service.

"Although ACC would have preferred a broader base for pay setting, the General Assembly has also repeatedly reaffirmed the current interpretation of the Noblemaire principle as the basis for the determination of common

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system remuneration at the Professional and higher levels (i.e. that United Nations common system remuneration should be based on the compensation levels of the highest paying national civil service).

"Arising out of its study of the application of the Noblemaire principle, ICSC reported to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session<sup>a</sup> that, on the basis of a technical evaluation conducted in accordance with the approved methodology, the total compensation levels of the German federal civil service were superior to those of the current comparator - the United States federal civil service.

"United Nations remuneration is, however, still being determined against that of the United States federal civil service. Hence, the Noblemaire principle is no longer being applied.

"In its resolution 51/216 of 18 December 1996, the General Assembly decided to reconsider the question of the comparator civil service at its fifty-second session.

"Acknowledging the complexity of changing from a comparator whose remuneration and classification structures are similar to those of the United Nations and the added complications, inter alia, for pensions, ACC proposes that the margin be used as the mechanism by which the Noblemaire principle may be effectively applied. Thus, ICSC's technical findings would be appropriately recognized.

"Given that the gap between the remuneration levels of the German and the United States federal civil services currently is some 11 per cent, ACC requests the General Assembly to revise the margin from its current range of 110-120 to that of 120-130. It would also request the General Assembly to invite ICSC to make proposals, at the latest to its fifty-third session in 1998, as to an appropriate adjustment in order to bring the United Nations common system remuneration within the revised margin range of 120-130."

#### Notes

<sup>a</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 30, addendum (A/50/30/Add.1), para. 47 (a).

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### APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

#### Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

#### Letter dated 3 December 1997 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith copy of a letter dated 18 November 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General informing him that his Government had designated Mr. Victor Yenyi Olungu to replace Mr. Balanda Mikuin Leliel as its candidate for the United Nations Administrative Tribunal. The letter sent by the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo contains the curriculum vitae of the new candidate.

As you will recall, by the time of the receipt of the letter from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Fifth Committee had already met on 7 November 1997 and recommended to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Chittharanjan Felix Amerasinghe, Mr. Balanda Mikuin Leliel and Mr. Hubert Thierry as members of the Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998. The General Assembly was scheduled to take up the report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/674) containing the Committee's recommendation on Thursday, 20 November 1997.

However, in the light of the information received by the Secretary-General, the General Assembly agreed to postpone to a later date the appointment of three members to the Tribunal, so that the Fifth Committee could review the situation with regard to the appointment of a candidate from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It was understood that this did not affect the recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly in document A/52/674 to appoint Messrs Amerasinghe and Thierry to the Tribunal.

(Signed) Hennadiy UDOVENKO



ANNEX

[Original: French]

Letter dated 18 November 1997 from the Permanent Representative  
of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

Acting upon instructions from my Government I have the honour to inform you that the Democratic Republic of the Congo has nominated a senior magistrate, Mr. Victor Yenyi Olungu, Advocate-General of the Republic, as candidate for the United Nations Administrative Tribunal to replace Professor Balanda Mikuin Leliel.

Attached please find Mr. Yenyi Olungu's curriculum vitae (see appendix).

(Signed) André Mwanba KAPANGA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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APPENDIX

Curriculum vitae of Mr. Yenyi Olungu, Victor, Advocate-General  
of the Republic

- Born in Onyumbé (Lodja), District of Sankuru on 11 November 1942.
- Married to Sandja Like Pauline and father of six children.
- Attended primary school at the Catholic mission of Lodja.
- Graduated from the Collège Saint Louis in Kananga in Greco-Latin Humanities in 1965.
- Degree in philosophy from Lovanium University, 1968.
- Law degree from Kinshasa University, July 1972.
- Deputy government procurator from 8 December 1972 to 24 September 1976.
- First deputy government procurator from 24 September 1976 to 27 December 1979.
- Deputy procurator-general from 27 December 1979 to 31 July 1987.
- Advocate-general of the Court of Appeal from 31 July 1987 to 29 November 1990.
- Procurator-general from 29 November 1990 to 24 April 1992.
- Advocate-General of the Republic: 24 April 1992 to present.
- Representative of public institutions (magistrature) at the National Sovereign Conference: 1991-1992.
- Principal private secretary to the Minister of Justice and Keeper of the Seals: 1993-1994.
- Representative of the Republic of Zaïre to the World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993.
- Representative of the Republic of Zaïre to the Cairo consultation on mechanisms for the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts in Africa held by the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Organization of African Unity, and the International Peace Academy of New York from 7 to 14 May 1994.
- Representative of the Republic of Zaïre to the Regional Conference on Assistance to Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in the Great Lakes Region held at Bujumbura from 12 to 17 February 1995.

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- Dissertation on access by private individuals to international organizations.
- Published work: "Evolution du droit constitutionnel zaïrois: cas de l'acte du conclave et l'acte constitutionnel de la transition" in Justice et Paix No. 14.

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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

THE SITUATION OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN HAITI

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/52/L.65

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General  
in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of  
procedure of the General Assembly

### A. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. By operative paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of draft resolution A/52/L.65, the General Assembly would:

(a) Welcome the recommendation of the Secretary-General contained in his report (A/52/687) to renew the mandate of the joint participation of the United Nations with the Organization of American States (OAS) in the International Civilian Mission to Haiti (MICIVIH), with the tasks of (i) providing technical assistance at the request of the Government of Haiti in the field of institution-building, such as the training of the police and support for efforts towards judicial reform and the establishment of an impartial judiciary; (ii) supporting the development of a programme for the promotion and protection of human rights in order to further the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the consolidation of long-term constitutional democracy in Haiti and to contribute to the strengthening of democratic institutions; and (iii) verifying full observance by Haiti of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(b) Decide to authorize, on the basis of the above recommendation, the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations component of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti until 31 December 1998, according to the terms of reference and modalities under which the Mission is operating.



B. Relationship of the proposed requests to the  
medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001

2. The above request is related to subprogramme 1.1, Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts, of programme 1, Political affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.<sup>1</sup>

C. Activities by which the proposed requests  
would be implemented

3. Under the terms of draft resolution A/52/L.65, the joint participation of the United Nations with OAS in MICIVIH would be renewed and the mandate of the United Nations component of the Mission would be extended until 31 December 1998. The Mission would continue to include a United Nations and an OAS contingent of personnel.

4. As indicated in the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/687), in order to contribute to the strengthening of democratic institutions and further the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the consolidation of long-term democracy in Haiti, MICIVIH carried out three major tasks, namely, technical assistance (institution-building, technical cooperation and local capacity-building); human rights promotion and civic education; and monitoring of the human rights situation. For the next mandate period, the present three-pronged mandate would be retained with an emphasis on judicial reform, institutional consolidation and local capacity-building. The extension of the Mission's presence would be placed in a context not only of institutional consolidation but also of transition. This period of transition would be used to prepare successor mechanisms or agencies to fully assume the Mission's responsibilities in institution-building, which would require long-term continuity of planning and implementation. Under those conditions, the technical capacity of MICIVIH during the interim period, in particular for judicial reform, would need to be substantially strengthened.

D. Structure of the Mission

5. The current authorized staffing of the United Nations component of the Mission consists of 116 staff, comprising 32 international staff, including a Deputy Executive Director and Chief of Section on Judicial Affairs and Institution-building at the D-1 level, 80 staff at the Local level, who serve both the United Nations and the OAS components, and 4 United Nations Volunteers.

6. For the next mandate period, it would be necessary to strengthen the Mission in the area of institution-building, particularly the judiciary, which would be the main focus of the Mission's activities during that period, as well as in the area of human rights promotion and education. In addition, a presence in all nine of the country's regions would need to be re-established in order better to fulfil the Mission's monitoring and institution-building responsibilities. Accordingly, the following additional staff are proposed:

(a) One staff at the P-5 level in the Legal Affairs and Institution-building Section, who would be working as the Legal Coordinator of activities related to the judicial reform programme;

(b) Four staff at the P-3 levels, two at each of the proposed new regional offices in Port-de-Paix and Fort-Liberté. These staff would be members of the regional teams, which ensure that the human rights provisions inscribed in the Haitian Constitution and international treaties to which Haiti is a party are respected; assist in the strengthening of the institutions responsible for the protection and promotion of human rights, namely, the police, the prisons and the judiciary; assist the judiciary in strengthening the legal means of guaranteeing the exercise of human rights and respect for legal procedures; and undertake human rights promotion and civic education activities;

(c) One international General Service staff to provide support to the Human Rights Promotion and Protection Section;

(d) Ten staff at the Local level (six drivers, two secretaries and two administrative assistants) to give support services to the strengthened United Nations and OAS components.

7. The Mission's staffing would be supplemented by international experts. In the Legal Affairs and Institution-building Section, expertise would be required in the following areas: rights of children and the prevention of juvenile delinquency; women in detention; crime prevention; judicial police and criminal investigations; criminal procedure and reparation; office of the ombudsman; constitutional law and constitutional controls; and status of the Magistrature, Council of Magistrates and Judicial Career. In the Human Rights Promotion and Protection Section, consultancy service would be required on non-violent conflict resolution and human rights education. In addition to the 10 international consultants, six local consultants would also be required to supplement the activities of the Mission. The description of the functions is contained in annex III.B relating to supplementary information.

8. For the next mandate period, six United Nations Volunteers would be required, reflecting an increase by two compared to the current mandate period.

9. The table below shows the number and level of staff required for the Mission.

Required number and level of staff for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1998

| Office of the Director of the Mission  |     |     |     |     |     |          |               |                 |          |                           |
|----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|---------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------|
|                                        | D-1 | P-5 | P-4 | P-3 | P-2 | Subtotal | Field Service | General Service | Subtotal | Total international staff |
|                                        |     |     |     |     |     |          |               |                 |          |                           |
| Headquarters                           |     |     |     |     |     |          |               |                 |          |                           |
| Administrative support                 | -   | -   | -   | 1   | -   | 1        | 2             | -               | 2        | 3                         |
| Legal Affairs and Institution-building | 1   | 1   | 1   | 2   | -   | 5        | -             | -               | -        | 5                         |
| Coordination, Analysis and Reports     | -   | -   | -   | 1   | 1   | 2        | -             | -               | -        | 2                         |
| Secretariat                            | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -        | -             | 1               | 1        | 1                         |
| Human Rights Promotion and Protection  | -   | -   | -   | 3   | -   | 3        | -             | 1               | 1        | 4                         |
| Subtotal                               | 1   | 1   | 1   | 7   | 1   | 11       | 2             | 2               | 4        | 15                        |
| Regional offices                       |     |     |     |     |     |          |               |                 |          |                           |
| Port-au-Prince (headquarters building) | -   | -   | 2   | 1   | -   | 3        | -             | -               | -        | 3                         |
| Gonaïves                               | -   | -   | 1   | 1   | -   | 2        | -             | -               | -        | 2                         |
| Les Cayes                              | -   | -   | -   | 2   | -   | 2        | -             | -               | -        | 2                         |
| Cap-Haïtien                            | -   | -   | 1   | 1   | -   | 2        | -             | -               | -        | 2                         |
| Jérémie                                | -   | -   | 1   | 2   | -   | 3        | -             | -               | -        | 3                         |
| Hinche                                 | -   | -   | -   | 3   | -   | 3        | -             | -               | -        | 3                         |
| Jacmel                                 | -   | -   | -   | 2   | -   | 2        | -             | -               | -        | 2                         |
| Proposed                               |     |     |     |     |     |          |               |                 |          |                           |
| Port-de-Paix                           | -   | -   | -   | 2   | 1   | 3        | -             | -               | -        | 3                         |
| Fort-Liberté                           | -   | -   | -   | 2   | 1   | 3        | -             | -               | -        | 3                         |
| Subtotal                               | -   | -   | 5   | 16  | 2   | 23       | -             | -               | -        | 23                        |
| Total staff required                   | 1   | 1   | 6   | 23  | 3   | 34       | 2             | 2               | 4        | 38                        |
| Staff authorized                       | 1   | -   | 6   | 19  | 3   | 29       | 2             | 1               | 3        | 32                        |
| Additional required                    | -   | 1   | -   | 4   | -   | 5        | -             | 1               | 1        | 6                         |

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E. Estimated requirements of MICIVIH for the period from  
1 January to 31 December 1998

10. The estimated costs of the extension of the mandate of MICIVIH for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1998 would amount to \$7,677,200, net of staff assessment (or \$8,273,300 gross). Details of the cost estimates are contained in annex I below. Non-recurrent requirements, estimated at \$139,600, are detailed in annex II, and the supplementary information on the cost estimates for the next mandate period, including the Mission's specific cost parameters, are contained in annex III.

11. For the current mandate period, there have been no extrabudgetary contributions earmarked for MICIVIH and it is not anticipated at this stage that extrabudgetary contributions would be forthcoming in 1998.

12. No provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 to cover the additional requirements related to the activities of MICIVIH in 1998. Should the General Assembly decide to adopt draft resolution A/52/L.65, the corresponding additional appropriation would be necessary.

F. Contingency fund

13. As the activities relating to MICIVIH are of an extraordinary nature they should continue to be dealt with, as was done on previous occasions, outside the procedures related to the contingency fund, as provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986.

G. Action required by the General Assembly

14. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/52/L.65, an additional appropriation of \$7,677,200 would be required under section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. An additional appropriation of \$596,100 would also be required under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

Notes

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 and corrigendum (A/51/6/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1).

Annex I

COST ESTIMATES FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY TO  
31 DECEMBER 1998

(Thousands of United States dollars)

|                                          | Prior period<br>1 August-<br>31 December 1997<br>(1) | 1 January-31 December 1998        |                                   |                           |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                          |                                                      | Total<br>costs<br>(2) = (3) + (4) | Non-<br>recurrent<br>costs<br>(3) | Recurrent<br>costs<br>(4) |
| 1. <u>Military personnel costs</u>       |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| <u>Military observers</u>                |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| Mission subsistence allowance            | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| Travel costs                             | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| Clothing and equipment allowance         | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| Death and disability compensation        | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| Total, line 1                            | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| 2. <u>Civilian personnel costs</u>       |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| (a) <u>Civilian police</u>               |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| Mission subsistence allowance            | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| Travel costs                             | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| Clothing and equipment allowance         | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| Subtotal                                 | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| (b) <u>International and local staff</u> |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| International staff salaries             | 964.1                                                | 2 523.4                           | -                                 | 2 523.4                   |
| Local staff salaries                     | 100.0                                                | 369.0                             | -                                 | 369.0                     |
| Consultants                              | 172.7                                                | 250.9                             | -                                 | 250.9                     |
| Common staff costs                       | 462.6                                                | 1 159.5                           | -                                 | 1 159.5                   |
| Mission subsistence allowance            | 427.9                                                | 1 206.7                           | -                                 | 1 206.7                   |
| Other travel costs                       | 23.8                                                 | 39.7                              | -                                 | 39.7                      |
| Subtotal                                 | 2 151.1                                              | 5 549.2                           | -                                 | 5 549.2                   |
| (c) <u>United Nations Volunteers</u>     | 86.5                                                 | 311.4                             | -                                 | 311.4                     |
| Subtotal                                 | 86.5                                                 | 311.4                             | -                                 | 311.4                     |
| Total, line 2                            | 2 237.6                                              | 5 860.6                           | -                                 | 5 860.6                   |

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|                                          | Prior period<br>1 August-<br>31 December 1997<br>(1) | 1 January-31 December 1998        |                                   |                           |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                          |                                                      | Total<br>costs<br>(2) = (3) + (4) | Non-<br>recurrent<br>costs<br>(3) | Recurrent<br>costs<br>(4) |
| 3. <u>Premises/accommodation</u>         |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| Rental of premises                       | 42.4                                                 | 131.7                             | -                                 | 131.7                     |
| Alteration and renovation of<br>premises | 4.2                                                  |                                   | -                                 |                           |
| Maintenance services                     | 3.0                                                  | 13.2                              | -                                 | 13.2                      |
| Utilities                                | 16.5                                                 | 63.1                              | -                                 | 63.1                      |
| Security/cleaning services               | 12.6                                                 | 57.4                              | -                                 | 57.4                      |
| Total, line 3                            | 78.7                                                 | 265.4                             | -                                 | 265.4                     |
| 4. <u>Transport operations</u>           |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| Spare parts, repairs and<br>maintenance  | 54.5                                                 | 221.8                             | -                                 | 221.8                     |
| Petrol, oil and lubricants               | 33.8                                                 | 136.7                             | -                                 | 136.7                     |
| Insurance                                | 4.4                                                  | 26.0                              | -                                 | 26.0                      |
| Total, line 4                            | 92.7                                                 | 384.5                             | -                                 | 384.5                     |
| 5. <u>Air operations</u>                 | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| 6. <u>Communications</u>                 |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| (a) <u>Complementary communications</u>  |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| Communications equipment                 | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| Spare parts and supplies                 | 4.5                                                  | 57.8                              | -                                 | 57.8                      |
| Workshop and test equipment              | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| Commercial communications                | 23.0                                                 | 168.0                             | -                                 | 168.0                     |
| Subtotal                                 | 27.5                                                 | 225.8                             | -                                 | 225.8                     |
| (b) <u>Main trunking contract</u>        | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| Total, line 6                            | 27.5                                                 | 225.8                             | -                                 | 225.8                     |
| 7. <u>Other equipment</u>                |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| Office furniture                         | -                                                    | 18.0                              | 18.0                              | -                         |
| Office equipment                         | -                                                    | 23.5                              | 23.5                              | -                         |
| Miscellaneous equipment                  | -                                                    | 95.0                              | 95.0                              | -                         |
| Data-processing equipment                | -                                                    | 3.1                               | 3.1                               | -                         |
| Spare parts, repairs and<br>maintenance  | -                                                    | 18.0                              | -                                 | 18.0                      |
| Total, line 7                            | -                                                    | 157.6                             | 139.6                             | 18.0                      |

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|                                              |                                                      | 1 January-31 December 1998        |                                   |                           |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                              | Prior period<br>1 August-<br>31 December 1997<br>(1) | Total<br>costs<br>(2) = (3) + (4) | Non-<br>recurrent<br>costs<br>(3) | Recurrent<br>costs<br>(4) |
| 8. <u>Supplies and services</u>              |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| (a) <u>Miscellaneous services</u>            |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| Contractual services                         | 5.0                                                  | 9.0                               | -                                 | 9.0                       |
| Medical treatment and<br>services            | -                                                    | 25.0                              | -                                 | 25.0                      |
| Other miscellaneous services                 | -                                                    | 6.0                               | -                                 | 6.0                       |
| Official hospitality                         | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| Subtotal                                     | 5.0                                                  | 40.0                              | -                                 | 40.0                      |
| (b) <u>Miscellaneous supplies</u>            |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| Stationery and office<br>supplies            | 3.0                                                  | 7.2                               | -                                 | 7.2                       |
| Medical supplies                             | 3.0                                                  | 7.2                               | -                                 | 7.2                       |
| Sanitation and cleaning<br>materials         | 1.5                                                  | 3.6                               | -                                 | 3.6                       |
| Subscriptions                                | 2.5                                                  | 6.0                               | -                                 | 6.0                       |
| Electrical supplies                          | 2.5                                                  | 6.0                               | -                                 | 6.0                       |
| Miscellaneous supplies                       | 1.3                                                  | 3.0                               | -                                 | 3.0                       |
| Subtotal                                     | 13.8                                                 | 33.0                              | -                                 | 33.0                      |
| Total, line 8                                | 18.8                                                 | 73.0                              | -                                 | 73.0                      |
| 9. <u>Public information programmes</u>      |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| Contractual services                         | 124.8                                                | 186.5                             | -                                 | 186.5                     |
| Education programmes                         | -                                                    | 80.0                              | -                                 | 80.0                      |
| Audio-visual production                      | -                                                    | 150.8                             | -                                 | 150.8                     |
| Publications                                 | -                                                    | 82.5                              | -                                 | 82.5                      |
| Other miscellaneous projects and<br>supplies | -                                                    | 198.5                             | -                                 | 198.5                     |
| Total, line 9                                | 124.8                                                | 698.3                             | -                                 | 698.3                     |
| 10. <u>Training programmes</u>               | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| 11. <u>Air and surface freight</u>           |                                                      |                                   |                                   |                           |
| Commercial freight and cartage               | 5.0                                                  | 12.0                              | -                                 | 12.0                      |
| Total, line 11                               | 5.0                                                  | 12.0                              | -                                 | 12.0                      |
| 12. <u>Programme support</u>                 | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |

|                                  | Prior period<br>1 August-<br>31 December 1997<br>(1) | 1 January-31 December 1998        |                                   |                           |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                  |                                                      | Total<br>costs<br>(2) = (3) + (4) | Non-<br>recurrent<br>costs<br>(3) | Recurrent<br>costs<br>(4) |
| 13. Staff assessment             | 256.2                                                | 596.1                             | -                                 | 596.1                     |
| Total, lines 1-13                | 2 841.3                                              | 8 273.3                           | 139.6                             | 8 133.7                   |
| 14. Income from staff assessment | 256.2                                                | 596.1                             | -                                 | 596.1                     |
| Net requirements                 | 2 585.1                                              | 7 677.2                           | 139.6                             | 7 537.6                   |
| 15. Voluntary contributions      | -                                                    | -                                 | -                                 | -                         |
| Total resources                  | 2 585.1                                              | 8 273.3                           | 139.6                             | 8 133.7                   |

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Annex II

REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-RECURRENT COSTS

(United States dollars)

|                                                   | Current<br>inventory<br>(1) | Replace-<br>ment<br>(2) | Additional<br>(3) | Unit<br>cost<br>(4) | Total cost<br>((2+3)x4) |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Military personnel costs                       | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| 2. Civilian personnel costs                       | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| 3. Premises/accommodation                         | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| 4. <u>Transport operations</u>                    |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| <u>Purchase of vehicles</u>                       |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| Motorcycle                                        | 1                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Jeep, light 4x4                                   | 20                          | -                       | 10                | -                   | -                       |
| Bus, light                                        | 1                           | -                       | 2                 | -                   | -                       |
| Truck, pick-up, light                             | 14                          | -                       | 5                 | -                   | -                       |
| Subtotal                                          | 36                          | -                       | 17                | -                   | -                       |
| Freight at 15 per cent                            |                             |                         |                   |                     | -                       |
| Subtotal plus freight                             | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| <u>Provided from surplus stock/other missions</u> |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| Jeep, light 4x4                                   | -                           | -                       | 10                | -                   | -                       |
| Bus, light                                        | -                           | -                       | 2                 | -                   | -                       |
| Truck, pick-up, light                             | -                           | -                       | 5                 | -                   | -                       |
| Subtotal                                          | -                           | -                       | 17                | -                   | -                       |
| Total, line 4                                     | 36                          | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| 5. Air operations                                 | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| 6. <u>Communications</u>                          |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| <u>Complementary communications</u>               |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| <u>Communications equipment</u>                   |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| UHF equipment                                     |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| Base station, general                             | 10                          | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Mobile Spectra UHF                                | 20                          | -                       | 8                 | 500                 | 4 000                   |
| Mobile UHF GP300                                  | 65                          | -                       | 16                | 500                 | 8 000                   |
| Repeater, general                                 | 12                          | -                       | 1                 | 2 000               | 2 000                   |
| Earth station, VSAT, 3.7 metres                   | 3                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Earth station, VSAT, 7.0 metres                   | 1                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Minilink, Cylink L-Band Link                      | 2                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| PCSI multiplexers                                 | 2                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Telephone exchange, 32 lines                      | 1                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |

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|                                                        | Current<br>inventory<br>(1) | Replace-<br>ment<br>(2) | Additional<br>(3) | Unit<br>cost<br>(4) | Total cost<br>((2+3)x4) |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Rural telephone links                                  | 5                           | -                       | 2                 | 8 600               | 17 200                  |
| Fax machines (plain)                                   | 8                           | -                       | 2                 | 2 000               | 4 000                   |
| Batteries                                              | -                           | 100                     | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| UPS 4.3 KVA                                            | 1                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Subtotal                                               | 130                         | 100                     | 29                | -                   | 35 200                  |
| <u>Provided from surplus stock/<br/>other missions</u> |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| Battery chargers                                       | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Fax machine                                            | -                           | -                       | 2                 | 2 000               | 4 000                   |
| Radio UHF GP300                                        | -                           | -                       | 16                | 500                 | 8 000                   |
| Radio UHF Spectra                                      | -                           | -                       | 8                 | 500                 | 4 000                   |
| Repeater                                               | -                           | -                       | 1                 | 2 000               | 2 000                   |
| Exicom rural phone                                     | -                           | -                       | 2                 | 8 600               | 17 200                  |
| Solar panels                                           | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Power supply inverter                                  | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Fax, plain                                             | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Subtotal                                               | -                           | 100                     | 29                | -                   | 35 200                  |
| Subtotal, communications<br>equipment                  | 130                         | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Freight at 15 per cent                                 |                             |                         |                   |                     | -                       |
| Total, line 6                                          | 130                         | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| <u>7. Other equipment</u>                              |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| <u>(a) Office furniture</u>                            |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| Desks                                                  | 73                          | -                       | 12                | 600                 | 7 200                   |
| Chairs                                                 |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| Folding                                                | 117                         | -                       | 50                | 40                  | 2 000                   |
| Secretarial                                            | 50                          | -                       | 6                 | 75                  | 450                     |
| Visitor                                                | 25                          | -                       | 15                | 50                  | 750                     |
| Filing cabinets                                        | 96                          | -                       | 7                 | 250                 | 1 750                   |
| Tables, conference and folding                         | 60                          | -                       | 6                 | 350                 | 2 100                   |
| Computer tables                                        | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Closet (metal)                                         | 22                          | -                       | 4                 | 200                 | 800                     |
| Shelves                                                | 31                          | -                       | 6                 | 100                 | 600                     |
| Subtotal, office furniture                             | 474                         | -                       | 106               | -                   | 15,650                  |
| Freight at 15 per cent                                 |                             |                         |                   |                     | 2 348                   |
| Subtotal plus freight                                  | 474                         | -                       | 106               | -                   | 17 998                  |

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|                                                        | Current<br>inventory<br>(1) | Replace-<br>ment<br>(2) | Additional<br>(3) | Unit<br>cost<br>(4) | Total cost<br>((2+3)x4) |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>(b) Office equipment</u>                            |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| Photocopy machines                                     | 11                          | -                       | 1                 | 15 000              | 15 000                  |
| Photocopy machines (small)                             | -                           | -                       | 1                 | 1 000               | 1 000                   |
| Polaroid camera, ID system                             | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Portable tape recorder                                 | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Calculating machine                                    | 9                           | -                       | 4                 | 100                 | 400                     |
| Spiral binding machine                                 | -                           | -                       | 1                 | 4 000               | 4 000                   |
| Safe, metal, combination                               | 5                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Shredding machines                                     | 5                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Typewriter, electronic                                 | 2                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Subtotal, office equipment                             | 32                          | -                       | 7                 | -                   | 20 400                  |
| Freight at 15 per cent                                 |                             |                         |                   |                     | 3 060                   |
| Subtotal plus freight                                  | 32                          | -                       | 7                 |                     | 23 460                  |
| <u>(c) Miscellaneous equipment</u>                     |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| Air conditioning, window type                          | 12                          | -                       | 2                 | -                   | -                       |
| Fans                                                   | 27                          | -                       | 20                | 30                  | 600                     |
| Desk lamps                                             | 6                           | -                       | 5                 | 15                  | 75                      |
| UPS, 240 KVA                                           | 2                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| UPS, 20-25 KVA                                         | 2                           | -                       | 2                 | 20 000              | 40 000                  |
| UPS, 15-17.2 KVA                                       | 2                           | -                       | 4                 | 6 000               | 24 000                  |
| UPS, 6-10.9 KVA                                        | 5                           | -                       | 4                 | 2 500               | 10 000                  |
| Refrigerator                                           | 5                           | -                       | 3                 | -                   | -                       |
| Fire extinguisher                                      | 21                          | -                       | 4                 | -                   | -                       |
| Electric stoves                                        | 5                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Television/VCR                                         | 6                           | -                       | 3                 | 400                 | 1 200                   |
| Overhead projector                                     | -                           | -                       | 1                 | 6 000               | 6 000                   |
| Video cameras, cassette record<br>and edit             | 13                          | -                       | 3                 | 250                 | 750                     |
| Subtotal                                               | 106                         | -                       | 51                | -                   | 82 625                  |
| <u>Provided from surplus stock/<br/>other missions</u> |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| Fire extinguisher                                      | -                           | -                       | 4                 | -                   | -                       |
| Refrigerators                                          | -                           | -                       | 3                 | -                   | -                       |
| Air conditioners                                       | -                           | -                       | 2                 | -                   | -                       |
| Subtotal                                               | -                           | -                       | 9                 | -                   | -                       |
| Subtotal, miscellaneous<br>equipment                   | 106                         | -                       | 42                | -                   | 82 625                  |

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|                                                        | Current<br>inventory<br>(1) | Replace-<br>ment<br>(2) | Additional<br>(3) | Unit<br>cost<br>(4) | Total cost<br>((2+3)x4) |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Freight at 15 per cent                                 |                             |                         |                   |                     | 12 394                  |
| Subtotal plus freight                                  | 106                         | -                       | 42                | -                   | 95 019                  |
| (d) <u>Data-processing equipment</u>                   |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| Laptops                                                | 32                          | -                       | 6                 | -                   | -                       |
| Microcomputer systems (desktop)                        | 23                          | -                       | 4                 | -                   | -                       |
| Modems                                                 | 1                           | -                       | 2                 | -                   | -                       |
| Monitors                                               | 23                          | -                       | 4                 | -                   | -                       |
| Printers                                               | 34                          | -                       | 8                 | -                   | -                       |
| Scanner                                                | 2                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Supplies (UPS)                                         | 18                          | -                       | 9                 | 300                 | 2 700                   |
| Subtotal                                               | 133                         | -                       | 33                | -                   | 2 700                   |
| <u>Provided from surplus stock/<br/>other missions</u> |                             |                         |                   |                     |                         |
| Laptops                                                | -                           | -                       | 6                 | -                   | -                       |
| Fax modem                                              | -                           | -                       | 2                 | -                   | -                       |
| Printers                                               | -                           | -                       | 8                 | -                   | -                       |
| Desktops                                               | -                           | -                       | 4                 | -                   | -                       |
| Monitors                                               | -                           | -                       | 4                 | -                   | -                       |
| Subtotal                                               | -                           | -                       | 24                | -                   | -                       |
| Subtotal, data-processing<br>equipment                 | 133                         | -                       | 9                 | -                   | 2 700                   |
| Freight at 15 per cent                                 |                             |                         |                   |                     | 405                     |
| Subtotal plus freight                                  | 133                         | -                       | 9                 | -                   | 3 105                   |
| Total, line 7                                          | 745                         | -                       | 164               | -                   | 139 581                 |
| 8. Supplies and services                               | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| 9. Public information programmes                       | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| 10. Training programmes                                | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| 11. Air and surface freight                            | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| 12. Programme support                                  | -                           | -                       | -                 | -                   | -                       |
| Total, lines 1-12                                      | 911                         | -                       | 164               | -                   | 139 581                 |

Annex III

COST ESTIMATES FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1998: SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

A. Mission-specific cost parameters

| Description                             | Previous submission<br>1 August-<br>31 December 1997 | Proposed estimates                            |              | Average strength | Explanation                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                         |                                                      | Unit or daily cost<br>(United States dollars) | Monthly cost |                  |                                                                                       |
| <u>1. Mission subsistence allowance</u> |                                                      |                                               |              |                  |                                                                                       |
| (a) <u>First 30 days</u>                |                                                      |                                               |              |                  |                                                                                       |
| D-1                                     | 142.60                                               |                                               |              |                  |                                                                                       |
| Others                                  | 124.00                                               |                                               |              |                  |                                                                                       |
| (b) <u>After 30 days</u>                |                                                      |                                               |              |                  |                                                                                       |
| D-1                                     | 100.10                                               |                                               |              |                  |                                                                                       |
| Others                                  | 87.00                                                | 87.00                                         |              |                  |                                                                                       |
| <u>2. Travel costs (round-trip)</u>     |                                                      |                                               |              |                  |                                                                                       |
| (a) <u>Air</u>                          |                                                      |                                               |              |                  |                                                                                       |
| Military personnel                      |                                                      |                                               |              |                  |                                                                                       |
| Civilian police                         |                                                      |                                               |              |                  |                                                                                       |
| Staff                                   | 750.00                                               | 750.00                                        |              |                  | Airfare and excess baggage.                                                           |
| (b) <u>Daily subsistence allowance</u>  |                                                      |                                               |              |                  |                                                                                       |
| New York/Washington                     | 202.00                                               | 205.00                                        |              |                  | Average daily subsistence allowance of New York (\$215) and Washington, D.C. (\$196). |
| Port-au-Prince                          | 135.00                                               | 157.00                                        |              |                  | Change in daily subsistence allowance effective 1 October 1997.                       |
| <u>3. Civilian personnel</u>            |                                                      |                                               |              |                  |                                                                                       |
| International staff                     |                                                      |                                               |              | 32               | 38 international, increase of 6.                                                      |
| Local staff                             |                                                      |                                               |              | 80               | 90 local, increase of 10.                                                             |
| Consultants                             |                                                      |                                               |              |                  |                                                                                       |
| International                           |                                                      |                                               |              | 6                | 10 international, increase of 4.                                                      |
| Local                                   |                                                      |                                               |              | 1                | 6 local, increase of 5.                                                               |
| United Nations Volunteers               | 4                                                    |                                               |              | 4                | 6 Volunteers, increase of 2.                                                          |
|                                         |                                                      |                                               |              |                  | 4 325                                                                                 |

| Description                              | Previous submission<br>1 August -<br>31 December 1997 | Average strength | Proposed estimates                            |              | Explanation                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                          |                                                       |                  | Unit or daily cost<br>(United States dollars) | Monthly cost |                                                                                   |
| <b>4. Premises</b>                       |                                                       |                  |                                               |              |                                                                                   |
| (a) <u>Rental</u>                        |                                                       |                  |                                               |              |                                                                                   |
| Headquarters                             | 12 500.00                                             |                  |                                               | 12 500       | Rental of premises is shared between the United Nations and OAS on a 50:50 basis. |
| Headquarters garage                      |                                                       |                  |                                               | 2 500        |                                                                                   |
| Cap-Haitien                              | 1 500.00                                              |                  |                                               | 1 500        |                                                                                   |
| Gonaïves                                 | 600.00                                                |                  |                                               | 600          |                                                                                   |
| Jacmel                                   | 800.00                                                |                  |                                               | 900          |                                                                                   |
| Hinche                                   | 850.00                                                |                  |                                               | 850          |                                                                                   |
| Jérémie                                  | 700.00                                                |                  |                                               | 700          |                                                                                   |
| Les Cayes                                |                                                       |                  |                                               | 450          | Formerly shared with UNSMIR and paid for by UNSMIR.                               |
| Fort-Liberté                             |                                                       |                  |                                               | 850          | New regional office.                                                              |
| Port-de-Paix                             |                                                       |                  |                                               | 600          | New regional office.                                                              |
| (b) <u>Maintenance/minor alterations</u> | 1,695, or 10 per cent of rental                       |                  |                                               | 2 191        | 10 per cent of rental. Shared between the United Nations and OAS                  |
| (c) <u>Security services</u>             | 420.00                                                |                  |                                               | 420          |                                                                                   |
| (d) <u>Cleaning services</u>             | 4 200.00                                              |                  |                                               | 2 000        | Shared with OAS on a 50:50 basis.                                                 |
| <b>5. Utilities</b>                      |                                                       |                  |                                               |              |                                                                                   |
| Electricity and water                    | 500 per month for six locations, or \$1,000 per month |                  |                                               | 1 900        | Shared with OAS on a 50:50 basis. Headquarters.                                   |
|                                          |                                                       |                  |                                               | 1 000        | Cap-Haitien.                                                                      |
|                                          |                                                       |                  |                                               | 3 200        | Other regional offices.                                                           |
| Generator fuel                           | \$0.92 per gallon or \$1,580 per month                |                  | \$0.90 per gallon                             | 4 408        | Shared with OAS on a 50:50 basis.                                                 |
|                                          |                                                       |                  |                                               | 1 800        | Headquarters: 2,000 gallons.                                                      |
|                                          |                                                       |                  |                                               | 1 350        | Cap-Haitien: 1,500 gallons.                                                       |
|                                          |                                                       |                  |                                               | 1 260        | Other regional offices: 1,400 gallons.                                            |
| <b>6. Transport operations</b>           |                                                       |                  |                                               |              |                                                                                   |
| Maintenance of vehicles                  | 33 vehicles at \$330 each per month                   | 33               |                                               | 330          | Monthly cost per vehicle for 56 vehicles, 53 United Nations, 3 OAS.               |

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| Description                                                  | Previous submission<br>1 August-<br>31 December 1997               | Proposed estimates |                                               | Explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                              |                                                                    | Average strength   | Unit or daily cost<br>(United States dollars) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Petrol                                                       | \$0.95 per vehicle per day at 6.9 gallons per vehicle              |                    | 0.95                                          | Daily cost per vehicle per day at 6.9 gallons per vehicle per day.                                                                                                                                                      |
| Oil and lubricants                                           | 10 per cent of petrol costs                                        |                    |                                               | 2 per cent of petrol costs.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Insurance                                                    | \$145 per vehicle (\$350 each per annum pro-rated for five months) |                    | 490.00                                        | Rate per vehicle per annum. Effective 1 July 1996, vehicle insurance premiums increased from \$250 to \$350 per annum, or a 40 per cent increase. The premium assumed for 1998 is based on a 40 per cent rate increase. |
| 7. <u>Commercial communications</u>                          |                                                                    |                    |                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| INTELSAT transponder lease                                   |                                                                    |                    | 7 000                                         | \$14,000 per month, \$7,000 paid by the civilian police peacekeeping operation.                                                                                                                                         |
| Site and repeater lease                                      | 1 600.00                                                           |                    | 3 000                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Spare parts and supplies                                     | 900.00                                                             |                    | 4 000                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Batteries                                                    |                                                                    |                    | 4 800                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Stocks of consumables                                        |                                                                    |                    | 5 000                                         | For the 12-month period.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Local telephone charges                                      | 3 000.00                                                           |                    | 4 000                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 8. <u>Miscellaneous services and supplies</u>                |                                                                    |                    |                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| (a) <u>Miscellaneous services</u>                            |                                                                    |                    |                                               | Headquarters and field.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sanitation, waste management, garbage removal, etc.          | 500.00                                                             |                    | 750                                           | Increase due to additional locations.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Other miscellaneous services                                 | 500.00                                                             |                    | 500                                           | Bank charges, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Medical treatment and services in case of medical evacuation |                                                                    | 25 000.00          |                                               | Assumes one medical evacuation per mandate period.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| (b) <u>Miscellaneous supplies</u>                            |                                                                    |                    |                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                              |                                                                    |                    | 2 750                                         | Stationery, medical and cleaning supplies, etc.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 9. <u>Air and surface freight</u>                            |                                                                    |                    | 1 000                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

B. Cost estimates for the period 1 January 1998 to  
31 December 1998: supplementary information

1. International staff

(a) Salaries and common staff costs. The calculation of salaries and common staff costs for international staff assumed a turnover factor of 10 per cent. No turnover reductions were applied in respect of local staff. The total cost of local staff consists of salaries (\$738,000) and common staff costs (\$189,000). In accordance with the agreement between the United Nations and the Organization of American States (OAS), salaries and common staff costs of 90 local staff will be shared on a 50:50 basis. The costs reflected in annex I above represent the United Nations share.

(b) Consultants. Provisions are made for 10 international consultants for 60 days each, at an average fee of \$250 per day (\$150,000). Subsistence allowance is estimated at \$124 per day for the first 30 days and \$87 per day thereafter (\$63,300) and 10 round-trip journeys between New York/Africa/Europe and Port-au-Prince at \$1,150 (\$11,500). The total cost for international consultants is estimated at \$224,800. The services of six local consultants will require remuneration fees estimated at \$54,000 (\$1,500 x 6 months). The total cost of consultancy service is estimated at \$278,800. Experience during previous mandate periods, however, indicates that delays have occurred in recruitment. Accordingly, a 10 per cent delay factor (\$27,900) has been applied to consultancy services. On that basis, the provisions requested would amount to \$250,900. A detailed description of the functions of the consultants is provided below.

Legal affairs and institution-building

- Consultant 1. Rights of children and the prevention of juvenile delinquency. Review Haitian legislation, study alternative methods to imprisonment and draft legislation or statutory texts.
- Consultant 2. Women in detention. Review Haitian legislation in the light of international law, study measures aimed at improving the conditions of detention of women and draft legislation or statutory texts.
- Consultant 3. Crime prevention. Study measures concerning legal and social requirements related to crime prevention, introduce techniques of peaceful conflict resolution and draft legislation or statutory texts.
- Consultant 4. Judicial police and criminal investigations. Establish administrative and judicial procedures aimed at guaranteeing human rights, propose an administrative organization for the inter-institutional coordination of justice, prisons and police and draft legislation or statutory texts.
- Consultant 5. Criminal procedure and reparation. Define administrative and judicial framework that regulate the involvement of the State in this area, propose a methodology to implement the relevant recommendations of

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the report of the National Commission on Truth and Justice and draft applicable statutory texts.

- Consultant 6. Office of the Ombudsman. Streamline the legal and statutory functions of the Office of the Ombudsman and assist in the training of the personnel of the Office.
- Consultant 7. Constitutional law and constitutional controls. Study means to protect individual liberties and propose legislation to implement constitutional provisions such as habeas corpus.
- Consultant 8. Status of the magistrature, the Council of Magistrates and judicial careers. Assist the Haitian Judicial Reform Commission in the conception and drafting of the statute of the magistrature and reinforce the Council of Magistrates.

#### Human rights promotion and protection

- Consultant 9. Non-violent conflict resolution. Develop materials and training modules and assist in the development of joint programmes in peace promotion/conflict resolution.
- Consultant 10. Human rights education. Assess work to date and prepare long-term programmes for human rights education, in consultation with the Ministry of Education.

#### Local consultants

- Consultants 1 and 2. Experts in constitutional rights and criminal law. Revise and update the Penal and Criminal Procedure Codes and assist the Mission in participating in relevant judicial reform activities.
- Consultants 3 and 4. Experts in procedural law. Follow up cases under judicial investigation identified by the Mission for review and recommendations and participate as trainers in seminars for judicial police officers and investigative judges, in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice.
- Consultants 5 and 6. Experts in the organization of the judiciary. Conduct follow-up to the pilot case management system, implementation of the case management system to all the bodies of the judiciary and liaison with the Haitian authorities and members of the international community.

#### 2. Premises

(a) Rental of premises. The monthly cost of rented premises is contained in annex III.A above. The total cost of rented premises is estimated at \$263,400. In accordance with the memorandum of understanding with OAS, the United Nations will be required to pay 50 per cent of the rental cost (\$131,700);

(b) Maintenance supplies and services. The total cost of maintenance services and supplies is estimated at \$50,400. This will be shared between the United Nations and OAS on an equal basis, with the United Nations share amounting to \$25,200;

(c) Utilities. The total cost for electricity and water is estimated at (\$73,200). As indicated in annex III.A above, in addition, the cost of generator fuel is estimated at 2,000 gallons per month for MICIVIH headquarters, 1,500 gallons per month for Cap-Haïtien office and 1,400 gallons per month for the seven other regional offices at a cost of \$0.90 per gallon (\$52,900). In accordance with the memorandum of understanding with OAS, of the total costs of \$126,100, the United Nations will be required to pay 50 per cent of the utilities, amounting to \$63,100;

(d) Security services. Estimates amount to \$45,400, the cost of which is borne in its entirety by the United Nations.

3. Communications

The communications network for the United Nations International Civilian Mission in Haiti (MICIVIH) is in place and no additional equipment will need to be purchased during the next mandate period. The new follow-on mission will provide the necessary communications services and equipment in stock for the two new MICIVIH offices in Fort-Liberté and Port-de-Paix.

4. Public information programme

The cost of \$698,300 broken down in annex I represents the United Nations share of public information programmes. The total cost is estimated at \$1,396,600, of which \$698,300 would be borne by OAS.

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THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA: PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A FIRM AND LASTING PEACE AND PROGRESS IN FASHIONING A REGION OF  
PEACE, FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT

#### Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/52/L.31

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with  
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

#### A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2 to 11 of draft resolution A/52/L.31, the General Assembly would:

(a) Commend the efforts of the peoples and Governments of the Central American countries to re-establish peace and democracy throughout the region and promote sustainable development by implementing the agreements adopted at the summit meetings, and support the decision of the presidents that Central America should become a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development;

(b) Emphasize the importance of the global frame of reference and the establishment of national and regional development priorities as the basis for promoting the effective, consistent and sustainable progress of the Central American peoples, and for providing international cooperation in accordance with the new circumstances in and outside the region;

(c) Recognize the need to continue to follow closely the situation in Central America in order to support national and regional efforts to overcome the underlying causes that have led to armed conflicts, avoid reversals and consolidate peace and democratization in the area, and promote the objectives of the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America;



(d) Welcome the signing of the Agreement on a Firm and Lasting Peace (A/51/796-S/1997/114, annex II) and the entry into force of the other agreements concluded during the peace process between the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG), as well as the progress achieved in implementing those agreements, and urge all sectors of Guatemalan society to join efforts and work with courage and determination to consolidate peace in keeping with the spirit and letter of the Peace Agreements;

(e) Request the Secretary-General, the bodies and programmes of the United Nations, and the international community to continue to support and verify in Guatemala the implementation of all the peace agreements signed under United Nations auspices, compliance with which is an essential condition for a firm and lasting peace in that country, and to provide their resolute support for the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA) in the fulfilment of its mandate;

(f) Recognize the importance of the Central American Integration System as the necessary legal and institutional body for coordinating and harmonizing efforts to achieve economic, social, cultural, environmental and political integration of the Central American countries in accordance with the goals and priorities established by the Governments of the Isthmus in order to consolidate peace and democratization, and call upon the international community, the United Nations system and other international governmental and non-governmental organizations to provide generous and effective cooperation with a view to improving the competence and efficiency of the Central American Integration System in the fulfilment of its mandate;

(g) Encourage the Central American Governments to continue to carry out their historic responsibilities by fully implementing the commitments they have assumed under regional or national agreements, especially the commitments to implement the social programme to overcome poverty and unemployment, establish a more just and equitable society, improve public safety, consolidate a modern and transparent public administration, and eliminate corruption, impunity, acts of terrorism and drug and arms trafficking; all these are necessary and urgent measures for establishing a firm and lasting peace in the region;

(h) Reiterate its deep appreciation to the Secretary-General, his special representatives, the groups of friends for the peace processes in El Salvador (Colombia, Mexico, Spain, United States of America and Venezuela) and Guatemala (Colombia, Mexico, Norway, Spain, United States of America and Venezuela), the support group for Nicaragua (Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands, Spain and Sweden), the political dialogue and cooperation with the European Union, and also to other cooperating countries and the international community in general for its support and solidarity in the building of peace, democracy and development in Central America;

(i) Reaffirm the importance of international cooperation, in particular cooperation with the bodies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, and the donor community in the new stage of consolidating peace and democracy in Central America, and urges them to continue to support Central American efforts to achieve those goals, bearing in mind the global framework of the new regional

development strategy, which is in keeping with the collective aspirations and needs of the Central American peoples;

(j) Request the Secretary-General to continue to lend his full support for the initiatives and activities of the Central American Governments, particularly their efforts to consolidate peace and democracy through the implementation of a new, comprehensive sustainable development programme, and the initiative to establish the Central American Union, and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the resolution.

B. Relationship of the requests to the approved programme of work

2. The above request is related to subprogramme 1.1 Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts, of programme 1, Political affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 (A/51/6/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1).

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would, with respect to the requests outlined in paragraph 1 above:

(a) Continue to support and verify in Guatemala the implementation of the comprehensive peace agreements signed under the auspices of the United Nations, the fulfilment of which is an essential condition for a firm and lasting peace in Guatemala;

(b) Actively provide support to MINUGUA in the discharge of its expanded verification mandate. These activities would include the continued provision of good offices, as required, as well as of substantive support and political guidance to MINUGUA;

(c) Continue to provide support to the small political unit in El Salvador which is following up on the outstanding elements of the peace accords. This unit, which is under the administrative structure of the United Nations Development Programme, is financed by existing monies in the Trust Fund for the United Nations Mission in El Salvador;

(d) Continue to give the fullest possible support to the initiatives and activities of the Governments of the Central American countries, including support for their efforts to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies.

D. Additional requirements at full cost

4. At its forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions, the General Assembly authorized provisions for two staff (one P-5 and one General Service) for 1992 and 1993 pursuant to resolutions 46/109 A of 17 December 1991 and 47/118 of 18 December 1992 respectively. Reflecting the expanded support activities

required under resolution 48/161 of 20 December 1993 and 49/137 of 19 December 1994, the General Assembly authorized for 1995 the continuation of the arrangement and the addition of one Professional staff member at the P-4 level to assist in the Central American peace process. In view of the continued support activities required under resolution 50/132 of 20 December 1995 and 51/198 B of 27 March 1996, the General Assembly authorized the continuation of these provisions in 1996 and 1997 and consequentially the related appropriations were approved.

5. As evidenced in the reports of the Secretary-General on this item (A/52/330, A/52/344 and A/52/554), the Secretary-General remains closely involved in the peace process in Central America. There is a continued need for United Nations support for the efforts of the Central American countries to promote and consolidate their progress towards peace, freedom, democracy and development. In particular, the expansion of MINUGUA's verification role in Guatemala would require overall coordination, backstopping and support. It should be borne in mind that the expanded verification role of MINUGUA covers a package of agreements signed by the Government of Guatemala and URNG, which include detailed commitments on political, legislative, social, economic, agrarian, ethnic, military and public security issues, which are bound together into a national peace agenda.

6. It is anticipated that, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the activities outlined in paragraph 3 above would require related resources equivalent to one staff each at the P-4 level and the General Service level to assist in all aspects of the Secretary-General's involvement in the Central American peace process, particularly in Guatemala.

7. The Political Affairs Officer (P-4) would be specifically assigned to provide backstopping, support and political guidance in relation to MINUGUA's expanded duties of verification of the comprehensive peace agreements in Guatemala. The Officer would also provide support to the small political unit in El Salvador which is to follow up on the outstanding elements of the peace accords and which is to be funded by the Trust Fund for the United Nations Mission in El Salvador. The Officer would also assist, as appropriate, in supporting efforts and activities to consolidate peace and democracy in Central America, particularly in connection with activities of subregional organizations in these areas. The General Service staff member would provide research assistance, administrative backstopping and secretarial support.

8. The estimated costs related to the salaries and common staff costs of the staff mentioned in paragraph 7 above would amount to \$173,800.

9. No provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 related to the provision of additional staff required to support the Secretary-General's continuing efforts in this area.

#### E. Contingency fund

10. As the activities related to the Central American peace process are of an extraordinary nature they should be dealt with, as was done on previous

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occasions, outside the procedures related to the contingency fund, as provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986.

F. Action required by the General Assembly

11. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/52/L.31, an additional appropriation of \$173,800 would be required under section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. An additional appropriation of \$32,300 would also be required under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under Income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

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